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To: SAC, Detroit (157-1116)

From: Director, FBI (157-168)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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ReDEairtel and LHM dated 4/29/68.

Detroit and recipient offices should declassify referenced LHM, as even if the identity of [redacted] should become known national defense interests would not be affected. Bureau copies have been declassified. For the information of all offices, Klan matters are normally not classified.

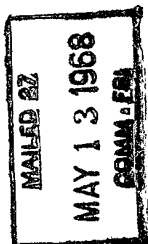
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NOTE:

Detroit by LHM advised the Bureau, Atlanta, and Cleveland of information received from [redacted] relative to a meeting of Klan officials from Michigan and Ohio, which was held in Akron, Ohio, on 4/27/68. This LHM classified "Confidential" because "information reported could possibly identify a source of continuing value, thus being detrimental to the national defense." This advises Detroit and recipient offices that referenced LHM should be declassified as even if the identity of the informant should become known, national defense interests would not be affected and that for information of all offices, Klan matters are normally not classified.

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Date: 4/29/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-1116) (P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
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(OO: ATLANTA)

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP-18 GUY/JSK

Re Detroit teletype, dated 4/26/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed are 11 copies of an LHM captioned as above, dated 4/29/68.

One copy each of this LHM has been sent to G-2, Secret Service, and USA, all Detroit, Mich.

Two copies each of this LHM are also being sent to the designated FBI Offices.

Source utilized in the LHM is identified as

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LHM is being classified confidential because information reported could possibly identify a source of continuing value, thus being detrimental to the national defense.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
April 39, 1968

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Re: National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)

A characterization of the NKKKK appears  
on the appendix page attached hereto.

On April 29, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 27, 1968, six NKKKK members of Unit 1, Detroit, Michigan, drove by personally owned automobile to Akron, Ohio, to meet with Jack Crites, NKKKK Grand Dragon of Ohio, and Evans Lewis, another NKKKK member from Akron, Ohio. They met at Crites' residence, 666 Bridge Road, Akron, Ohio, and the factional dispute between the Exalted Cyclops and the Grand Dragon and Secretary of the NKKKK of Michigan was discussed. It was decided that Jack Crites and Lewis would personally visit Detroit, Michigan, on April 28, 1968, to settle the dispute. The six NKKKK members of Detroit, Michigan, arrived in Akron, Ohio, at approximately 10:00 AM, April 27, 1968, and left to return to Detroit, Michigan, at approximately 6:00 PM, April 27, 1968.

The source further advised that at 6:00 PM, April 28, 1968, Jack Crites, Evans Lewis and two other NKKKK members from Ohio, arrived in Detroit, Michigan, via the personally owned Chrysler automobile of Jack Crites.

Meetings were held in Room 148 of the Fairlane Motel at Dearborn, Michigan (a suburb of Detroit) between the NKKKK members from Ohio and members from Michigan. Danny Morrison, Grand Dragon, and Jake Bone, Secretary of the NKKKK in Michigan, voluntarily quit the NKKKK. These members were

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Re: NKKKK



advised to do so by Crites because he had determined that they were American Indians and Indians are not allowed in the Klan. All Klan material in their possession was returned to the NKKKK Unit 1, Detroit, Michigan. The meetings were over at approximately 11:30 PM, April 28, 1968, and the source feels that the Ohio members then returned to Ohio.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

APPENDIX

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of the Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-Foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

April 30, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., also known as Association of Klans in America
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
Reference	Report of SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> at Atlanta dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 5/6/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) P  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN  
(OO: ATLANTA)

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 JFJ/606

Re Chicago airtels to Bureau, 4/11/68 and 4/22/68.

Attempts to contact [ ] source of information of the Atlanta Office (protect), were negative on 4/22, 4/30, and 5/3/68. [ ] for 3 week period in April, 1968, was visiting [ ] and was unavailable for contact.

On 5/6/68, [ ] contacted at [ ] Atlanta, Georgia, and advised that DONALD HEATH, former Chicago policeman, and recently appointed Imperial Grand Dragon, for the Mid-western NKKKK, had arrived at the Atlanta area in April, 1968, and was presently residing at an apartment located at the Stone Edge Apartments, Lilburn Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia. [ ] advised that HEATH was out of work and was presently looking for employment in the Atlanta area.

[ ] further advised that DAVID HARRIS, reportedly the Grand Dragon of the NKKKK activity in the Milwaukee-Wisconsin area, had also arrived in the Atlanta area about the same time as HEATH, and was also residing at the above apartment complex with his wife and 9 children.

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[ ] advised that HARRIS and HEATH, in her opinion, came to the Atlanta area in order to capitalize on JAMES VENABLE's recent illness. [ ] speculated that apparently HARRIS and HEATH were of the opinion that VENABLE would leave them unknown amounts of funds to continue Klan activities should he pass away. [ ] stated that VENABLE is currently recovering from a hernia operation, and is still unable to work and remains at home. She further advised that Klan activity at the NKKKK Headquarters has virtually come to a standstill due to VENABLE's illness, and she has received no information indicating that HEATH and HARRIS have engaged in any Klan activity while in Atlanta. [ ] stated there has been no meetings of the Tucker Unit at Atlanta National Headquarters, since VENABLE entered the hospital about 2 months ago. b6 b7C

[ ] telephonically contacted SA [ ] on 5/6/68, after relating the above information and added that in talking with TOM O'BRIAN who is reportedly Klaliff for the NKKKK, and was editor of the Klan paper "Imperial Knight Hawk", she advised that HEATH's telephone number at the above apartment is 468-8326. O'BRIAN further related to [ ] that HEATH and HARRIS had obtained their apartments together and that HEATH had paid for HARRIS' apartment rent for the month of April, 1968. O'BRIAN indicated that HEATH had about \$3,000 either back pay or from a retirement system for the Chicago PD, and was using that money at this time to finance his expenses in Atlanta. O'BRIAN stated that HEATH and HARRIS have been employed doing construction work in the Atlanta area, and that on 5/2/68, while on the construction job, HARRIS became ill and subsequently suffered a heart attack on night of 5/5/68, and is presently undergoing medical treatment at the VA Hospital, Decatur, Georgia. b6 b7C

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will continue and report on the activities of the NKKKK, and advise interested offices.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) P  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN  
(OO: ATLANTA)

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 JFJ/STK

On 5/8/68, [redacted] Source of Information,  
Atlanta Office, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] JAMES R. VENABLE's correspondence a brochure which set  
forth the details of a Klan rally at Williamston, South Carolina.  
The brochure indicated that this was the first rally of the year,  
1968, scheduled for 8:00 pm, 5/25/68, to be held in the vicinity  
approximately 2½ miles southwest of Williamston, South Carolina,  
on US 20, on a rented lot. The brochure encouraged all to  
attend, and indicated Klansmen were requested to be wearing their  
Klan robes, and assemble by a large cross which was to be  
erected on the lot. [redacted] indicated that the brochure revealed  
that ROBERT HODDGENS, Grand Dragon for the state of South  
Carolina would address the assembly.

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[ ] advised that JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard in captioned organization has recently returned to work in his law firm, but she was unaware of his intentions at this time to attend above rally.

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[ ] indicated that VENABLE will attend funeral services of LURLEEN WALLACE at Montgomery, Alabama on 5/9/68.

[ ] further advised that in conversation with TOM O'BRIAN, close friend and associate of VENABLE's, and Second in Command in captioned organization, O'BRIAN indicated that WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, former associated with captioned organization and more recently affiliated with the National States Rights Party in Jacksonville, Florida, recently struck a FBI Agent in Jacksonville, in an unknown incident. VENABLE reportedly told [ ] that this was a stupid act on the part of FOWLER and expressed concern for FOWLER's family, but stated that FOWLER would probably serve time for above act, and indicated that he, VENABLE, had always considered agents of the FBI to be courteous and intelligent, and that there was no reason for FOWLER to strike the Bureau Agent. [ ] indicated that VENABLE holds FOWLER in great contempt since their short association in fall, 1967.

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All receiving offices are requested to notify their sources of reported Klan rally as set forth above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168) DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: *CST* NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(NKKKK)  
RM (KLAN)  
(OO: Atlanta)

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DATE 8-30-88 BY *[Signature]*

Re Chicago letter to Atlanta, 5/1/68.

On 5/13/68,  source of information of the Atlanta Office (protect identity), advised that the name EMILE was unknown to  was unaware of any individual affiliated with the NKKKK who was known as EMILE.  advised that there is no Fifth Methodist Church in the Atlanta area, and specified that the person referred to in referenced communication is more or less a crank.

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Review of the Atlanta City Directory and the Atlanta Criss-Cross Directory failed to reflect any Fifth Methodist Church in Atlanta. Atlanta indices regarding EMILE are negative.

in conversation, advised that J.B. STONER of the National States Rights Party had recently contacted JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the captioned organization, and advised that he (STONER) was going to defend W.V. FOWLER concerning FOWLER's assault of a Federal officer charge at Jacksonville, Florida.  advised that STONER presumably called VENABLE for legal advice and possibly to utilize VENABLE as a character witness.  advised that VENABLE told STONER that there was no advice he could give him and that STONER was fighting a losing case. VENABLE went on to say that he could offer no information which would be of assistance concerning FOWLER's character in any defense STONER wished to make.

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3 - Jacksonville (RM)  
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    (1 - 157- ) (WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER)  
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[ ] stated that VENABLE advised STONER that in all his contacts with FBI Agents he has always found them to be courteous and gentlemanly, and he could not believe any rational person would resort to violence with an FBI Agent. VENABLE further advised STONER that in view of the above information, he foresaw very little success for STONER's defense of FOWLER.

[ ] also informed that VENABLE made a statement which indicated that STONER's defense would again be weakened if information was introduced by the Government in the case of FOWLER's assault on a Federal officer which information reflected that FOWLER had resorted to violence in the past, and that VENABLE had made an unspecified statement referring to an alleged beating of FOWLER's wife by FOWLER during her pregnancy.

The above information is set forth for the Jacksonville Office. Atlanta will continue to maintain contact with [ ] and advise interested offices of any further information obtained in these matters.

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Date: 5/23/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (105-182) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)  
RM-KLAN  
(OO: Atlanta)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP-10/10/88

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/8/68.

JOHN HALASKA, Detective, Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee, Wis. PD, was advised of info contained in reairtel concerning planned Klan rally to be held near Williamson, South Carolina, on 5/23/68.

HALASKA advised that at the present time there is no active Klan organization in the Milwaukee, Wis. area; and that since DAVID J. HARRIS (MI 157-223, Bufile 157-9250) has recently moved to Stone Mountain, Ga., he does not expect any Klan activity to be resumed.

As the Milwaukee Division has advised on previous occasions, the activity of the NKKKK in Wis. has been the work of HARRIS, and the organization has never consisted of more than two or three individuals. HARRIS was the prime mover in Klan activity, and no known person has replaced him at this time.

In view of the above info and previous investigation conducted into Klan activities, it is evident that there is no NKKKK klavern in the State of Wis.; therefore, this case is considered RUC within the Milwaukee Division.

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Approved: *Ro*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM (KLAN)

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP-8 JAB

The following names are submitted to the Bureau for indexing purposes in connection with captioned organization. Identifying information available to the Atlanta Office concerning each of these individuals is set out. This list may contain corrections in the spelling or in other instances the names may be spelled differently from that previously furnished to the Bureau.

## NAME

## IDENTIFYING DATA

~~BRASELTON, BUSTER~~

Member NKKKK at Barnesville, Ga.

~~CHAPMAN, WARREN~~

Attended meeting of NKKKK, Barnesville

~~COGGINS, VERNON~~

Member of Barnesville group

~~COLEY, CHIP~~

Member Barnesville group

~~HUCKABY, RONNY~~

Member Barnesville group

~~[REDACTED]~~

Member Barnesville group, resident of Thomaston, Ga., age 19 to 20 in 1968. Employed at [REDACTED]

~~O'BRIEN, TOM~~

Editor of NKKKK newspaper at Tucker, Ga. Born in Boston, Mass., described as anti-Jewish Catholic, age 40's in 1968

~~TEAL, JOHNNIE~~

Attended meeting of NKKKK in Barnesville

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2- Bureau (RM)  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Detroit, Michigan  
May 29, 1968

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MICHIGAN REALM, NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, T.N.C.  
Bureau file 157-168  
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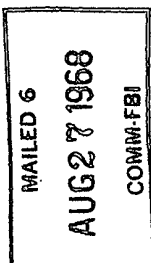
On January 22, 1968, a source advised that the Michigan Realm, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was formed and commenced activity in Michigan during 1968. On May 17, 1968, this source advised that the Michigan Realm has no headquarters; but meets bi-monthly at Watkins Coffee Shop, 19100 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan, and utilizes Post Office Box 5387, Dearborn, Michigan 48128, as a mailing address.

Source states DANIEL MORRISON, Grand Dragon for the Michigan Realm, was recently expelled and at the present time, no one has been elected or designated as Grand Dragon for Michigan.

Source advised May 17, 1968, the Michigan Realm, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is subordinate to and receives its instructions and guidance from the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tucker, Georgia, which is headed by Imperial Wizard JAMES VENABLE.

Source:

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To: SAC, Detroit (157-1116)

From: **EX-105** Director, **RE-19** FBI (157-168) — *910*

**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)**

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DATE *8-30-88* BY *SP-5 JCF*

ReDEairtel and LHM both dated 5/27/68, and captioned as above.

If not already handled, insure that contents of referenced LHM are promptly furnished to local police authorities.

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NOTE:

Detroit furnished information received from an informant relative to two individuals who possess semi-automatic weapons. Referenced airtel advised that this information was furnished to the Alcohol & Tobacco Tax Unit of the U.S. Treasury Department, Army intelligence, Secret Service, and the U.S. Attorney at Detroit, Michigan. There was no indication that this information was furnished to local police authorities. This instructs Detroit to furnish same to local police.

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(1 - 157-1493) (WILLIAM HALL)  
(1 - 157-1512) (THOMAS A. SUTTON)

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appears in the appendix attached  
hereto.

On May 27, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bill Hall, 3404 15th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan, a member of the NKKKK in Michigan, possesses a Spitfire Semi-Automatic Rifle manufactured by the Spitfire Manufacturing Company, Phoenix, Arizona. Source advised that this is a .45 caliber weapon, bearing Serial Number 3430, and that Hall also possesses two 30 round magazines for this weapon.

The confidential source further advised that another NKKKK member, Mr. Thomas A. Sutton, 1953, Buckingham, Lincoln Park, Michigan, also owns the same type weapon, but has filed the sear down thus converting this weapon to a full automatic. The source advised that these weapons were purchased from Tony (Last Name Unknown), who has since obtained a Federal Firearms License and probably would not sell any more of these weapons without a purchasing permit.

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ENCLOSURE

.. Re: NKKKK

1      NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of the Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-Foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168 )

DATE:

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

6/14/68

SUBJECT: NKKKK, INC.  
RM-KLAN

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Re CI airtel to Bureau, 4/23/68 setting forth data  
pertaining to court action continuance until 6/4/68.

On 6/13/68 [ ] advised court action in connection  
with the five Klansmen arrested during 12/67 by the Lincoln  
Heights, Ohio PD, charged with Posting Bills without a Permit  
has again been continued indefinitely.

Cincinnati will continue to follow through [ ]

2-Bureau (RM)  
1-Atlanta (RM)  
1-Cleveland (RM)  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NKKKK, INC.  
RM- KLAN

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Remylet 6/14/68, setting forth data pertaining to court action re five Klansmen.

On 6/27/68, [redacted] (Prob), advised the five (5) Klansmen arrested during 12/67 by Lincoln Heights, Ohio PD, appeared before Judge WILLIAM MATTHEWS, Hamilton County Municipal Court on 6/26/68.

Authorities from Lincoln Heights PD, requested another continuance which was denied by Judge MATTHEWS. Judge MATTHEWS then dismissed the charges, pointing out to Lincoln Heights authorities they had no valid case.

- ②- Bureau (RM)
- 1- Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
- 1- Cleveland (RM) (Info)
- 2- Cincinnati (1-157-245)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
 KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
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 (OO: Atlanta)

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/6/68.

Referenced communication indicated that on 5/6/68 [redacted] source of information of the Atlanta Office (protect identity), advised that in April, 1968, DONALD HEATH, former Chicago policeman and recently appointed Imperial Grand Dragon for the midwestern NKKKK, arrived in the Atlanta area and was residing in an apartment located in the Stonedage apartments on Lilburn Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia. [redacted] stated at that time that HEATH was out of work and was presently seeking employment in the Atlanta area.

On June 17, 1968, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office and advised that sometime in early June, 1968, HEATH had been apprehended by the DeKalb County Police Department for assault with intent to commit murder with a gun. [redacted] indicated that the above charge was predicated upon HEATH's argument with and subsequent assault of a neighbor for the neighbor's alleged running over of HEATH's dog. She stated HEATH became so infuriated by his neighbor's

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 2 - Chicago (157-895) (RM)  
 4 - Atlanta (2 - 157-60)  
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accidentally running over his dog, that he went to the neighbor's apartment, where he engaged in a scuffle with the neighbor, incurring a knife wound, and subsequently returned to the neighbor's home with a gun. He was later arrested by the DeKalb County Police Department. [redacted] stated HEATH's case continues pending in the DeKalb County Police Department and they would have all the pertinent details regarding that matter.

[redacted] also advised that during the nationally televised funeral services for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, HEATH reportedly dressed in his Klan robes and paraded up and down the aisles of his apartment house in defiance to KENNEDY and the principles he espoused. His actions so infuriated the residents of the apartment complex in which he resides that they made this fact known to JAMES VENABLE, the Imperial Wizard of NKKKK, who is well known for his Klan affiliations in Atlanta. [redacted] stated that HEATH and VENABLE subsequently had words for HEATH's actions, and VENABLE verbally instructed HEATH not to wear his robes in public again, because it would embarrass both the NKKKK and VENABLE.

On 6/20/68, MELBA BARTON, Clerk, Identification Division, DeKalb County Police Department, furnished the following information from her files:

She advised that on 6/9/68 HEATH had been arrested by officers YOUNG and MAYES for a charge of assault and battery with attempt to commit murder with a gun. The DeKalb County incident report sheet indicates that HEATH in interview by the investigating officers indicated that a neighbor in his apartment complex had run over his dog and that HEATH had gone over to the home of a Mr. BRYANT concerning the matter and had gotten into a fight with Mr. BRYANT and L.D. HART concerning that matter. During the scuffle at BRYANT's apartment, HEATH was cut by a knife, reportedly by BRYANT, and thereupon returned to his own apartment, where he got his shotgun and returned to BRYANT's apartment. The file indicates Mrs. HEATH therefore called the police, who intercepted HEATH and subsequently arrested him for the above charge.

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Mr. BRYANT and Mr. HART both indicated to the arresting officers that HEATH had come to BRYANT's front door and had grabbed BRYANT around the neck and stated that he was going to kill him, at which time HART indicated that he had knifed HEATH. BRYANT and HART stated that DONALD HEATH was a known Klansman and they were afraid he would attempt to kill them.

HEATH stated to the arresting officers that he was a member of the Klan and if the law did not do something about those "SOBs" killing his dog, then the Klan would.

Mrs. BARTON stated her records indicated that HEATH, BRYANT and HART were all arrested and placed in the DeKalb County Jail for the above incident.

The file reflected the following descriptive data concerning HEATH:

Name:	DONALD ROBERT HEATH
Aliases:	none known
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	6'3"
Weight:	235
Build:	Stocky
Eyes:	Green
Hair:	Brown
Scars and marks:	None
Employment:	Unemployed
DOB:	<div></div>
POB:	Chicago, Ill.
Wife:	CAROL HEATH
Children:	3
Relatives:	SUSAN NIEMCZYK
Georgia Driver's license:	0-238314
DeKalb County Case Number:	60-1178
Address:	4958 Central Drive, Apt. D, Stone Mountain, Georgia

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Telephone: 469-8326

Mrs. BARTON indicated that the above incident took place at 2:00 p.m. on 6/9/68.

Mrs. BARTON stated that a further review of her files indicated that on 6/6/68, three days prior to the above incident, DONALD HEATH appeared at the DeKalb County Police Department and submitted application for employment as a patrolman with that department. She stated that her department therefore immediately transmitted a teletype to the Chicago Police Department which reported the following record of arrest for HEATH:

June, 1954, suspected of larceny  
July 21, 1954, sex relations, juvenile, six months supervision  
January 28, 1955, 10 days county jail, six months supervision, for robbery  
1968 - discharged from Chicago Police Department.

The Chicago Police Department further advised that any further information in this matter should be directed by letter to the personnel department of the Chicago Police Department. Mrs. BARTON stated that in view of the above incident and the record from the Chicago PD, HEATH was not accepted for application as a patrolman with the DeKalb County Police Department.

It should be noted that on 6/14/68 Chief of Police JAMES KIMBROUGH of the Gwinnett County Police Department advised SA CARL E. CLAIBORNE that a DONALD HEATH applied for employment with the Gwinnett County PD as a patrolman. KIMBROUGH stated he accepted HEATH's application, but for some unknown reason the name HEATH remained in KIMBROUGH's mind, and after a few days reflection he recalled that a DONALD HEATH had been suspended from the Chicago PD and a great deal of notoriety through the press media had come to his attention concerning HEATH's reported association with the Ku Klux Klan. He stated that for that reason HEATH was not accepted as a patrolman for his department.

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He furnished the following descriptive data, which HEATH submitted in his application:

Name: DONALD HEATH  
Address: 4958 Central Drive  
Stone Mountain, Georgia  
DOB: [REDACTED]  
POB: Chicago, Ill.  
Height: 6'3"  
Weight: 235 lbs.  
Wife: [REDACTED]  
Telephone: 469-8326  
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]  
Education: Schertz (illegible) High School  
Chicago, Ill.  
Former employ-  
ments: Chicago PD, as patrolman,  
2/61 to 4/68  
  
civilian employee of the  
U.S. Army as an instructor,  
7/55 to 2/61

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On 6/20/68, [REDACTED] again telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office and advised that DONALD HEATH has become very active in the NKKKK in the Atlanta area, and is attempting to obtain \$25.00 per member dues for the NKKKK. [REDACTED] stated that this has caused JAMES VENABLE a great deal of dissatisfaction and that tension between VENABLE and HEATH is growing.

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AT CHICAGO, ILL.

(1) Will prepare report reflecting HEATH's background in NKKKK in view of his position with that organization and his apparent propensity for violence.

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- (2) Will, upon submission of above report, designate Atlanta as Office of Origin in that Atlanta has verified HEATH's residence in the Atlanta area.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

- (1) Will, through established sources, continue to report on HEATH's activities.
- (2) Will, by separate communication, request Bureau authority to interview HEATH in view of his activity as set forth above.

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Date: 7/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN

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On 7/8/68, [ ] SOI of Atlanta Office, advised J. B. STONER of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) arrived in the Atlanta area 7/3/68 and was conferring with TOM O'BRIEN and DONALD HEATH, both of whom are leading figures in NKKKK activity in the Atlanta area. [ ] advised that STONER purposely avoided JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of captioned organization, and [ ] was of opinion that HEATH and O'BRIEN may be attempting to oust VENABLE as Imperial Wizard or at least to undermine his position in the NKKKK.

[ ] felt that STONER's presence in Atlanta was to confer with O'BRIEN concerning articles appearing in the NKKKK newspaper "The Imperial Knighthawk", which recently contained an article "The Pope is a Jew".

[ ] advised that DONALD HEATH and JAMES VENABLE have both been in disagreement concerning Klan matters in reference to captioned organization. [ ] indicated that VENABLE was displeased at HEATH's personal conduct while in the Atlanta area, specifically his recent difficulties under

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1 - Chicago (Info) (RM)  
3 - Savannah (2 - 157-NSRP) (1 - 157-STONER) (RM)  
4 - Atlanta (2 - 157-60) (1 - 157-2949) (1 - 157-2178DL 10 1968)  
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which he was arrested by the DeKalb Co. PD for Assault and Battery and also his lack of discretion in the wearing of Klan robes during the recent funeral of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. [ ] stated that HEATH has been using the VENABLE property as a target range and approximately two weeks ago expended over three hundred rounds of shotgun ammunition on VENABLE's property. She stated that this only aggravated their feelings toward one another.

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[ ] advised that VENABLE was displeased at HEATH's attempts to obtain \$50.00 membership fees from members of the captioned organization and she was of the opinion that HEATH is attempting to obtain control of the NKKKK.

[ ] expressed concern in that regard, indicating that HEATH was a person prone to violence and that VENABLE's attitude toward violence has kept the NKKKK out of difficulty in the past and that VENABLE supports the principles of the KKK on ideological principles and has not indicated that he would attempt to project his thoughts on Klan matters into acts of violence.

[ ] stated that DONALD HEATH's recent difficulties with the DeKalb Co. PD were resolved in that both HEATH and the individuals that he became involved with in a street fight and assault agreed to dismiss charges against one another and this matter was subsequently dropped by the DeKalb Co. PD.

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1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Field Guidance Folder  
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh  
1 - Mr. W. D. Neumann  
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To: SAC, Detroit (157-1116)

From: Director, FBI (157-168) 917

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReDEairtel dated 7-1-68 enclosing LHM and Clairtel  
dated 7-5-68.

Promptly submit letterhead memorandum for  
dissemination containing pertinent information received from  
[redacted] (PROB) which is contained in referenced Clairtel.  
Include information from this source which refutes the allega-  
tion made by Lenvile A. Smith that former Special Agents of the  
FBI are working on the investigative staff of captioned  
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You are reminded to set forth the character of this  
case in the caption appearing in the LHM. Attach FD-323 to  
LHM concerning informants utilized in your communication.  
Expedite.

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1 - Cincinnati (157-245)

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NOTE:

Detroit Division submitted an LHM dated 7-1-68,  
containing an allegation that former Special Agents of the  
FBI were being employed as investigators by captioned organiza-  
tion. Information received from a Cincinnati informant  
disproving this allegation is contained in reClairtel.  
Detroit is being instructed to set forth in form suitable  
for dissemination the information disproving this allegation.

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Date: 7/5/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN

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ReDEairtel and LHM to Bu, 7/1/68, which sets forth certain information concerning allegations that NKKKK has former FBI Agents working for them in their investigative bureau.

On 7/3 and 7/5/68, [REDACTED] (PROB) was specifically contacted concerning information set forth in referenced LHM. He advised as follows:

As previously reported, LENVILE SMITH, subject of Cincinnati File 157-1297, about two to three weeks ago displayed credentials appointing him as GD of NKKKK in Ohio, which credentials were signed by JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, NKKKK. SMITH displayed these credentials to above informant and several other Klansmen on several occasions the same day and indicated he was extremely proud of this appointment. SMITH is a rather close personal friend of above informant

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- 1-Atlanta (Info) (RM)
- 1-Cleveland (Info) (RM)
- 4-Detroit (RM)
- (2-157-NKKKK)

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and is described by informant as the type of individual who desires to belong to some organization which will look up to him and this was the reason he joined the NKKKK. Evidently, no other organizations of decent standing would allow or tolerate SMITH being a member.

SMITH made a habit of criticizing other Klansmen he came in contact with in Ohio, pointing out that they did not know how to organize and run operations and if he were appointed leader, he would change the whole set-up and obtain some positive results.

SMITH told informant that he was employed in construction-type work but informant doubted that he had any knowledge of handling explosives. Informant positively and specifically granted contacting agent that SMITH had to be lying when he made statement to Klansmen in Detroit that the Klan's investigative bureau has former FBI Agents working for them. Informant of definite opinion that SMITH made this statement to enhance his own position in the Klan and at the same time a statement such as this would certainly embarrass the FBI if the information was received by the wrong individuals.

Informant had no knowledge concerning the alleged information in referenced LHM stating that SMITH and four other Klansmen traveled to the South for the purpose of blowing up a Jewish Temple in the South some time ago.

Informant does feel, however, that since he personally observed the credentials appointing SMITH GD that SMITH will now enthusiastically attempt to recruit new Klan members in Ohio and surrounding states. There is an expressed possibility that PARKY SCOTT, described as organizer at NKKKK in Ohio, was instrumental in obtaining this appointment for SMITH, and SCOTT will now stay in the background guiding and instructing him on what to do.

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Contacting agent specifically instructed [redacted] (PROB) to immediately obtain all available background information concerning SMITH, determine his exact current status and attempt to verify certain allegations set out in referenced LHM.

Informant reiterated that statement made by SMITH concerning former FBI Agents working for Klan investigative bureau is pure fabrication on part of SMITH.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-469) (P)

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\_\_\_\_\_ advised on 7/9/68 that the above captioned organization plans to hold a public rally at Pinson, Jefferson County, Ala., on 7/13/68. He said that there has been no advertising as yet for this rally and very little planning.

Birmingham will follow and report the activity by LHM.

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FBI DETROIT

9:23PM URGENT 7/13/68 LPS 1P

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: DETROIT (157- )

PROPOSED RECRUITING DRIVE, MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN, NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK), SEVEN THIRTEEN SIXTY EIGHT- RM (KLAN)

RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWELVE LAST.

INSTANT DATE, SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST  
ADVISED PLANNED RECRUITING DRIVE OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN  
SCHEDULED FOR MUSKEGON, MICH., THIS DATE HAD BEEN CANCELLED. POLICE  
CHIEF HERBERT DOOD, MUSKEGON, MICH., VERIFIED NO PLANNED RECRUITING  
ACTIVITIES OBSERVED MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN THIS DATE.

ABOVE MENTIONED SOURCE IS [REDACTED] (PROB).

LOCAL AUTHORITIES, SECRET SERVICE, USA GRAND RAPIDS, AND G-TWO  
ADVISED.

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
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Mr. Felt	
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cc MR. TANNER  
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FBI DETROIT

11:50PM URGENT 7-12-68 ETB

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-

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PROPOSED RECRUITING DRIVE, MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN, JULY THIRTEEN  
SIXTY-EIGHT, NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK),  
RM (KLAN).

INSTANT DATE A SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT A KLAN ORGANIZATION BELIEVED TO BE THE  
NKKKK IS PLANNING TO HAVE A RECRUITING DRIVE IN THE MUSKEGON,  
MICHIGAN, AREA COMMENCING AT ONE PM JULY THIRTEEN NEXT. THIS  
DRIVE IS TO ORGANIZE AT A REST AREA LOCATED ON THE NINETY SIX  
EXPRESSWAY LOCATED AT FRUITPORT, MICHIGAN, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT  
MILES EAST OF MUSKEGON AND TO BE COMPLETED WITH A PICNIC HELD  
AT A BEACH NEAR MUSKEGON.

ADMINISTRATIVE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, SECRET SERVICE, USA, GRAND RAPIDS,  
AND G TWO DETROIT ADVISED. SOURCE IS [REDACTED] LHM FOLLOWS.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-PROPOSED RECRUITING DRIVE,  
MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN,  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
7/13/68  
RM (KLAN)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 JF/68Re Detroit teletypes to the Bureau, dated 7/12/68  
and 7/13/68.Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM  
regarding captioned subject.Two copies of the LHM are being furnished G-2, Detroit  
and Secret Service, Grand Rapids, and one copy to the USA,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.Reliable source referred to in enclosed LHM is  
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2 - Detroit  
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DATE FORW: JUL 19 1968

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
July 15, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8/afh

Re: Proposed Recruiting Drive,  
Muskegon, Michigan,  
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,  
July 13, 1968

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On July 12, 1968, a source, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that a Klan organization believed to be the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) is planning to have a recruiting drive in the Muskegon, Michigan, area commencing at 1:00 PM on July 13, 1968. This drive was to organize at a rest area located on the Interstate 96 expressway located at Fruitport, Michigan, approximately eight miles east of Muskegon and to be completed with a picnic held at a beach near Muskegon.

A characterization of the NKKKK is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

On July 13, 1968, the above-mentioned source advised that the planned recruiting drive of the NKKKK scheduled for Muskegon, Michigan, on July 13, 1968, had been cancelled.

Chief of Police Herbert Dood, Muskegon, Michigan, verified that no Klan recruiting activities had been observed on July 13, 1968.

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Date: 7/16/68

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(Priority)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 JJS/ST

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: *Hm* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)SUBJECT: *M* NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
NKKKK, INC.  
RM - KLAN  
OO:AtlantaRe Cincinnati airtel to Bureau and Buairtel to  
Detroit, 7/12/68.For the assistance of Detroit in preparing LHM,  
Cincinnati Confidential Source is [ ] (PROB), who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, contacted on  
7/3, 5/68 by SA [ ].b2  
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b7DLEADS:ATLANTAAT ATLANTA AND STONE MT., GEORGIAVerify if LENVILE A. SMITH was appointed GD of  
Ohio by JAMES A. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, NKKKK.10 3-Bureau (RM)  
2-Detroit (157-1116) (RM)  
2-Atlanta (157-60) (RM)  
2-Cincinnati  
(1-157-245)  
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Approved: 54 JUL 28 1968

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7/18/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-469) (P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RM (KLAN)

OO: AT

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-30-88 BY SP-8 J. J. J.

ReBHairtel to Bureau dated 7/10/68.

[ ] advised on 7/15/68, that the public rally of above organization which was scheduled for 7/13/68 at Pinson, Ala., was postponed until 7/20/68, at 7:30 p.m., due to rain.

Birmingham will follow and submit LHM.

- ③ - Bureau (AM-RM)
  - 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (AM-RM)
  - 1 - Birmingham
- CBS:mfl  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-1116)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN  
(OO: ATLANTA)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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for Atlanta two copies of an LHM concerning captioned  
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G-2 and Secret Service, and one copy being furnished  
USA, all Detroit, Michigan.

Sources utilized in the LHM are  
[redacted] (Prob.) and [redacted].

It is to be noted that [redacted] (Prob.) is  
[redacted]  
and [redacted]  
[redacted] by local members of the NKKKK to JAMES  
VENERABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK.

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No investigative action is being requested  
by the Atlanta Office in connection with the information  
contained in the LHM other than to alert sources.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 3 - Detroit

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CSI~~ SEC SER  
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DATE FORW: JUL 23 1968

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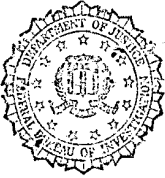
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Detroit, Michigan  
July 18, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 JFJ/ab

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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[REDACTED] of the NKKKK, and [REDACTED] were planning on departing the Detroit area during the late evening of July 19, 1968, via automobile to meet with James Venerable, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

The purpose of this visit was to turn over to Venerable questionnaires containing background information of Unit #1 members of the NKKKK at Detroit, Michigan.

According to sources, these questionnaires were not sent to Venerable by mail inasmuch as local Detroit Unit #1 members felt that they might become lost and additionally members traveling together wanted to discuss with Venerable local activities of Unit #1.

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Re: National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)

Sources advised that Unit #1 members traveling to Stone Mountain, Georgia, would travel in a 1962 red Dodge station wagon, bearing 1968 Michigan license number CU 5649, which vehicle is the property of James Burwell.

According to sources, Burwell and his companions planned to drive straight through to Stone Mountain, Georgia, confer with Venerable for an estimated three or four hours, and thereafter immediately return without stopping to Detroit.

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Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)

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Date: 7/1/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-116)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN  
(OO: ATLANTA)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 BTJ/ptcEnclosed are 11 copies of LHM captioned and dated  
as above. One copy of this LHM is being furnished to G-2,  
Secret Service, and USA, all Detroit.

The sources utilized in LHM are identified as:

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)  
 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)  
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 4 - Detroit  
 (1 - 157-706) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan

July 1, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 J. J. [signature]

Attached is a characterization of  
the NKKKK.

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On July 1, 1968, a confidential source, who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Mr.  
Lenville A. Smith visited Detroit, Michigan, on June 23 and  
24, 1968. Smith was driving a red Mustang bearing Ohio plates  
4181 KZ.

Smith had commission papers showing that he was  
the Imperial Dragon of the NKKKK. Smith stated he had the  
names and addresses of all the NKKKK members in the Michigan  
area and that sooner or later he would contact them to better  
determine the NKKKK situation in Michigan.

Smith remarked that he is a steeple jack by trade  
and had served in the First Ranger Battalion during World  
War II. Smith admitted that he was an expert in plastic  
explosives as well as explosives in general. Smith advised  
that the Klan has their own investigation bureau and has former  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents working for  
them.

Smith commented that when the Klan uncovers an  
informer, the Black Knights go to work and the informer  
disappears. Smith stated that the Black Knights had a quantity  
of dynamite to blow up a Jewish Church in the South some  
time ago. The dynamite was in a suitcase in the back of an  
automobile containing four Klansmen. When the Alabama State  
policeman was talking to Smith, the others hid the dynamite  
in a culvert. The police later found the dynamite and the  
Jewish Church still stands.

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Re: National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)

The confidential source advised that it appeared that Smith was in Michigan on an investigations mission or that he was trying to recruit members for the Black Knights. Smith stated that all Klansmen should arm themselves and get prepared for the coming trouble with the Communists.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated this information on June 28, 1968.

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-1116)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN  
(OO: ATLANTA)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 BTJ/fetRe Detroit airtel and LHM, dated 7/18/68,  
captioned as above.Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and  
for Atlanta two copies of an LHM concerning captioned  
matter.Two copies of the LHM are being furnished  
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- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~ONE~~ SEC SER  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Detroit, Michigan  
July 25, 1968

4- ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 JF/JSB

Re: National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum,  
dated July 16, 1968, captioned as above.

It is to be noted that referenced letterhead  
memorandum contained information indicating that James  
Burwell, Secretary of Detroit Unit #1 of the NKKKK and  
three other Unit #1 members, Larry Shawley, Jake Croley,  
and William Hall were going to visit with James Venerable,  
Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK at Stone Mountain, Georgia,  
during the weekend of July 20-21, 1968.

All sources hereinafter referred to, including  
those utilized in the appendix, have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

A characterization of the NKKKK  
is contained in the appendix  
attached hereto.

On July 24, 1968, confidential sources of  
the Detroit Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
advised that Burwell, Shawley, Croley, and William  
Hall did not make their trip to Stone Mountain, Georgia,  
as indicated above. Sources advised that two of the  
individuals making the trip were unable to go at the last  
moment and therefore Burwell decided to cancel the trip.

Source advised that Burwell did not indicate  
that he contemplated making the trip in the near future  
and it appears that Burwell and his associates will  
not make a trip to visit with the Imperial Wizard of the  
NKKKK at Stone Mountain, Georgia

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Date: 7/25/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-469) (P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
PUBLIC RALLY, PINSON, ALABAMA,  
7/20/68  
RM

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP-6 J. J. [signature]

ReBHairtel to Bureau, 7/18/68.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies and Secret Service, Birmingham.

Enclosed for Mobile is one copy of the above letterhead memorandum for information.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM) EX-100  
1 - Mobile (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)  
2 - Birmingham  
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BY: [signature]

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File No.

Birmingham, Alabama  
July 25, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 BTJ/fat

**RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN , PUBLIC RALLY,  
PINSON, ALABAMA, JULY 20, 1968**

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised on July 21, 1968, that a public rally was held on July 20, 1968, at Pinson, Alabama. T-1 furnished the following information concerning this rally:

There were approximately 50 persons attending this rally including 7 Klansmen. A cross approximately 20 feet tall, made of metal pipe and wrapped with burlap and foam rubber, was burned at approximately 8:30 p.m. This cross will be a permanent fixture on the rally grounds. The burning of the cross created a great deal of attention on nearby Highway 79, which is crowded with automobiles on Saturday night. However, attendance was small due to the bad condition of the small dirt road leading from the highway to the grounds.

**MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION**

**ROBERT CREEL**, Imperial Grand Dragon, NKKKK, was the main speaker. He was introduced by Klansman **EARNEST FAULKNER**, also an official of the NKKKK.

**CREEL's** main topic was the proposed rezoning of school districts in Alabama. **CREEL** stated that the people of Mobile, Alabama, were protesting the rezoning bitterly and the people of Birmingham need to support the protest. **CREEL** said that if he could organize 52 percent of the people of Alabama the federal government would back down in its efforts to force this move. **CREEL** said if he were able to do this, President **JOHNSON** would come down and "scratch **GEORGE WALLACE's** back and wash **WALLACE's** feet for him." **CREEL** urged all present to fight the school rezoning plan. He said that if a general strike were called in Alabama, a great change would be seen in

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN (NKKKK), PUBLIC RALLY,  
PINSON, ALABAMA, JULY 20, 1968

the attitude of the federal government toward the State of Alabama. He said that the people need not expect GEORGE WALLACE to stand in the schoolhouse door this time but it was up to the people to resist the government now.

CREEL also said the American people are under "credit slavery" to the Jews. He said that if the Jews did not like what a man said, they would cut his credit off. CREEL said that the government and the Jews were giving him a hard time on account of his views but that he was going to keep on talking and was not going to shut up even if it meant eating cornbread and living in a tent under a shade tree.

CREEL urged all non-Klansmen to sign up in the Klan and not be afraid of the consequences. He said the Klan saved the South once and that it could do it again. After CREEL finished speaking, FAULKNER made a short talk in which he invited men to come up and sign up for the Klan. Four men signed applications.

FAULKNER forgot to bring a light generator to the rally and the only light was from the cross which burned approximately 1½ hours. There was no violence or trouble of any kind at this rally.

A characterization of the NKKKK is being set forth in the Appendix of this memorandum.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.*

Birmingham, Alabama  
July 25, 1968

Title            NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
                  KLAN (NKKKK), PUBLIC RALLY,  
                  PINSON, ALABAMA, JULY 20, 1968

Character       RACIAL MATTERS

Reference       Letterhead memorandum dated  
                  July 25, 1968, at Birmingham.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/31/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2467) (C)

SUBJECT: JON TORE JOHANSSON  
RM - KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8/ufk

(OO:CHICAGO)

Re St. Louis letter to Chicago dated 4/11/68 captioned  
"National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan".

It is noted the subject is one of six Chicago police officers suspended from that department because of their membership in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK). The subject subsequently resigned from the police department.

On 2/14/68 the subject contacted SA [ ] and requested to be interviewed. During this interview the subject indicated he desired to furnish information concerning Klan activities in the Chicago area to the FBI. During the next several months contact with the subject was maintained, however, due to the public exposure of his Klan membership and the fact that he was no longer trusted by local NKKKK leaders, he was no longer included in activities of the NKKKK and he was therefore unable to furnish any information of value concerning the NKKKK. The subject was last contacted by SA [ ] on 7/12/68 and the subject advised his status with the Klan had not changed.

Extensive descriptive and background information concerning this subject has been obtained and is recorded in his file.

In view of the above and since the NKKKK no longer appears to be active in the Chicago area, Chicago is closing its case on the subject. In the event the NKKKK becomes active again, consideration will be given to reopening this case for the purpose of developing the subject as a racial informant.

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(1 - 157-168) (NKKKK)  
2 - Chicago  
(1 - 157-895) (NKKKK)

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DATE 8-28-88 BY SP-8/BJP/BJP

*Include in SAC letter*  
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
OF OHIO, INC. (NKKKK)

On October 8, 1964, Karen Crabtree, Clerk, Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, State of Ohio, advised public records from this office indicate a charter was granted the NKKKK of Ohio on October 5, 1964, by the State of Ohio. The charter was filed under Certificate Number 10194, and the Corporation Number is 334111.

The purpose of the corporation is to operate as a realm organization within the State of Ohio and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. Second, to promote patriotism toward the civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, love among ourselves, liberty, justice and patriotic association for the mutual benefit of all mankind.

The incorporation papers were signed by Flynn R. Harvey, Grand Dragon. Flynn R. Harvey, 418 Josephine Drive, Columbus, Ohio; William K. Smith, 3482 Maple Grove Drive, Grove City, Ohio; and Bobby J. Stephens, 2973 Reaver Avenue, Grove City, Ohio, are the corporation trustees.

On October 23, 1964, Frederick W. Lentz, Corporation Counsel, State House, Secretary of State's Office, State of Ohio, advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.'s charter, granted October 5, 1964, was revoked October 22, 1964, for the official reason that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan organization was on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list. Mr. Lentz said the actual purpose for revocation of the charter was not because the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list but because it was felt the existence of a state granted charter would encourage the Klan to make the claim it was "state sanctioned" and therefore entirely legitimate.

In actuality, the Ku Klux Klan and not the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On May 22, 1968, a source of the Cincinnati FBI Office advised Parkie Scott continues to be organizer and recruiter for above Klan organization in Southern Ohio.

Source: CI 556-~~MAKES 95~~ who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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# Memorandum

TO: *MAH* DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: *GA* National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan, Inc., aka  
RM - KLAN  
(OO: Atlanta)

DATE: 8/6/68

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Reference Cincinnati airtel to the Bureau,  
dated 7/16/68.

*GA*  
On 7/23/68, [redacted] of the Atlanta  
Office, advised that JIM BURELL had been in the Atlanta  
area over the weekend of 7/19-21/68, and had conferred  
with JAMES BENABLE who is the Imperial Wizard of *NKKKK*.  
captioned organization. [redacted] was unaware of the  
nature of BURELL's business in the Atlanta area.

[redacted] also advised that LENVILE SMITH was  
affiliated with the captioned organization in the  
Ohio area and stated that in conversation with TOM O'BRIAN,  
Editor of the captioned organization's newspaper "The  
Imperial Knighthawk", O'BRIAN had indicated that SMITH  
was a Grand Dragon of the *NKKKK* in Ohio. *OHIO*  
*MEMBER N.K.*  
*GA*  
*EDITOR*

O'BRIAN also advised [redacted] that SMITH was  
working for the George Wallace Campaign in Ohio, but  
[redacted] was unable to determine the exact association  
that SMITH has with WALLACE's organization in Ohio.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-1116)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN  
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Detroit airtel and LHM, dated 7/1/68; Cincinnati airtel, dated 7/5/68; and Bureau airtel, dated 7/12/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above, and appropriate copies are being sent to the Office of Origin and interested offices.

Two copies of this LHM are being furnished G-2 and Secret Service, and one copy to the USA, all Detroit, Mich.

Sources utilized in LHM are identified as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan

July 18, 1968

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 RJ/bak

Re: National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)

Reference Detroit letterhead memorandum, dated  
July 1, 1968.

Attached is a characterization of the  
NKKKK.

On July 1, 1968, source number one advised that a  
Mr. Lenvile A. Smith visited Detroit, Michigan, on June 23 and  
24, 1968, and had commission papers revealing that he was  
Imperial Dragon of the NKKKK. During Smith's stay at Detroit,  
he advised local Detroit members of the Klan that the Klan has  
their own investigative bureau and has former Federal Bureau  
of Investigation (FBI) Agents working for them.

A second source on June 28, 1968, corroborated this  
information.

On July 3 and 5, 1968, a third source advised that  
about two or three weeks ago Lenvile Smith displayed creden-  
tials appointing him as Grand Dragon of the NKKKK in Ohio,  
which credentials were signed by James Venable, Imperial  
Wizard, NKKKK. According to source, Smith displayed his creden-  
tials to several Klansmen in the Ohio area and he indicated he  
was extremely proud of this appointment.

The third source states that Smith is personally  
known to him and states that Smith is lying when he made a  
statement to Klansmen in Detroit that the Klan's investigative  
bureau has former FBI Agents working for them. Source was  
of the definite opinion that Smith made this statement to  
enhance his own position in the Klan and at the same time  
a statement such as this would certainly embarrass the FBI  
if the information was received by the wrong individuals.

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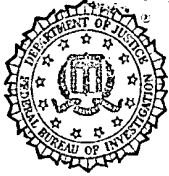
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Re: NKKKK

Source further advised that he has no knowledge concerning any information concerning Smith and the statement made by him that he and four other Klansmen traveled to the South for the purpose of blowing up a Jewish temple in the South some time ago.

Third source reiterated that the statement made to Klan members in Detroit by Smith concerning former FBI Agents working for the Klan investigative bureau is pure fabrication on the part of Smith.

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Detroit, Michigan  
July 18, 1968

Title	National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK)
Character	
Reference	Memorandum at Detroit, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 8/13/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-469) (P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
PUBLIC RALLY, PINSON, ALABAMA,  
AUGUST 3, 1968  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies  
of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.  
Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been dis-  
seminated locally to military intelligence agencies  
and Secret Service, Birmingham.

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Enclosed for Mobile is one copy of the above  
letterhead memorandum for information.

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Birmingham, Alabama  
August 13, 1968

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
PUBLIC RALLY, PINSON, ALABAMA,  
AUGUST 3, 1968

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised on August 12, 1968, that a public rally of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) was held on August 3, 1968, at Pinson, Alabama. T-1 furnished the following information concerning this rally:

There were approximately sixty persons attending this rally, including nine klansmen. The principal speaker was Earnest Faulkner, an official of the NKKKK. Faulkner, who was slightly intoxicated, made a rambling speech which lasted the better part of an hour. Faulkner seemed to be obsessed with the subject of homosexuals and sex perversion, and referred to this subject constantly in his talk.

A cross was burned for about fifteen minutes. Due to the fact that the cross was not properly wrapped, it did not last nearly as long as at the last rally.

There was no violence during the rally and no incidents. Another rally is planned at this location for August 17, 1968.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

August 13, 1968

Title            NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
                 PUBLIC RALLY, PINSON, ALABAMA  
                 AUGUST 3, 1968

Character       RACIAL MATTER

Reference       Letterhead memorandum dated 8/13/68,  
at Birmingham.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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Date: 8/15/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

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RM (KLAN)

On 8/15/68, [ ] advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., will holdsits annual Klan Day which will consist of speaking engagements and a cross burning at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on 8/31/68, and will be presided over by JAMES VENABLE and other NKKKK officials.

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Each recipient office is requested to contact appropriate Klan sources and report them to the above activity and advise Atlanta of results of contact and other information obtained.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A fourth source advised in July, 1968, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard.

First source is [redacted] (RAC)  
Second source is [redacted]  
Third source is [redacted]  
Fourth source is [redacted]

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## REFERENCE

Atlanta report of SA   dated 4/30/68.

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Will continue to follow and report activities of this organization.

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AT T-3 is [redacted]  
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AT T-5 is [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The contents of this report are confined to the activities of subject organization within the Atlanta Division to the extent to which is practicable to do so. Other divisions having activities of this organization within its areas, report on such activity and a complete summary of overall activity of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is reported by the Atlanta Office and due at the Bureau by January 15 of each year.

Records of the Citizens and Southern National Bank, Stone Mountain, Georgia, were produced by Mrs. LOUIS PAYNE, Bookkeeper, Citizens and Southern National Bank, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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 1 - U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia (Registered Mail)

Report of: SA [redacted]  
 Date: August 19, 1968

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

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Field Office File #: 157-60

Bureau File #: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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 DATE 8-30-88 BY SP-1 [signature]

Character: RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

**Synopsis:**

Headquarters of the NKKKK are located in the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Ga. JAMES R. VENABLE continues as Imperial Wizard of NKKKK. TOM O'BRIEN, Editor of NKKKK newspaper, "Imperial Night Hawk" recently reported as Imperial Kligrapp for NKKKK. DONALD HEATH and DAVID J. HARRIS formerly associated with NKKKK at Atlanta, Ga., banished from NKKKK by VENABLE and have left Atlanta, Ga. Estimated membership and activities of Barnesville and Tucker Klaverns set forth. Upson County, GA Klavern established at Thomaston, Ga., on 5/26/68, and estimated membership, ~~and activities~~ and activities set forth. NKKKK not known to have any bank account. Bank account in the name of "The Imperial Night Hawk" at Citizens and Southern National Bank, Stone Mountain, Ga., set forth.

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**DETAILS**

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) is included in the appendix section of this report.

**I. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

**A. HEADQUARTERS**

Headquarters of the NKKKK is located in the Carl Garmon Building, Idlewood Road, and Lawrence Highway, Tucker, Georgia.

(AT T-3 on August 2, 1968).

B. CHARTER INFORMATION

A meeting of the NKKKK was held at the National Headquarters at Tucker, Georgia, on September 6, 1964, at which meeting JAMES R. VENABLE announced to the group that he had incorporated the NKKKK and he stated it is being operated as a separate klan, the same as the other klans having membership in the national group.

(AT T-2 on September 16, 1964).

The NKKKK was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, on November 1, 1963, under the name of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK).

C. OBJECTIVES

The NKKKK was chartered as a patriotic secret, social and benevolent order.

In December, 1963, the NKKKK issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-Foreign born.

(AT T-1 in December, 1963).

D. NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICES.

JAMES R. VENABLE continues as the Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK. Mrs. J. M. FOSTER also continues as the Nominal Head of the Ladies Auxiliary of the NKKKK.

(AT T-1 on July 30, 1968).

TOM O'BRIEN formerly of Los Angeles, California, and presently the Editor of the NKKKK newspaper called "The Imperial Night Hawk" has recently been designated by JAMES VENABLE as the Imperial Kligrapp of the NKKKK.

(AT T-1 on July 30, 1968).

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There are no known state offices for the NKKKK, State of Georgia.

(AT T-1 on July 30, 1968).

E. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In an article appearing in the "Atlanta Journal" dated January 30, 1968, with a by-line of MARILYN MAYES it was indicated that Mrs. RUBY (Granny) ~~FOSTER~~ was sworn into office as an Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace for Cobb County, Georgia, and will serve the newly created Mt. Harmony District. The article indicated that ~~FOSTER~~ was recently appointed by an all male Cobb Grand Jury.

On May 6, 1968, it was learned that DONALD ~~HEATH~~, former Chicago Policeman and recently appointed Imperial Grand Dragon for the Mid-Western NKKKK, had arrived in the Atlanta area and had obtained an apartment at the Stone Edge Apartments, Lilburn Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia. It was further learned that DAVID ~~HARRIS~~, reportedly a Grand Dragon for the NKKKK in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area, had also arrived in the Atlanta area and was also living at the above apartment complex.

David J. Harris

(AT T-3 on May 6, 1968).

On June 17, 1968, it was learned that DONALD HEATH had been apprehended by the DeKalb County Police Department for assault with intent to commit murder with a gun. The above charge was predicated upon HEATH's argument with and subsequent assault of a neighbor for the neighbor's alleged running over of HEATH's dog. HEATH became so infuriated by the incident that he went to his neighbor's apartment where he engaged in a scuffle with the neighbor incurring a knife wound and subsequently returned to the neighbor's home with a gun. HEATH was later arrested by the DeKalb County Police Department. It was further learned that during the nationally televised funeral services for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, HEATH reportedly dressed in his klan robe and paraded up and down the aisles of his apartment house in defiance of KENNEDY and the principles he advocated. HEATH's actions so infuriated the residents of the apartment complex in which he resides that they made this fact known to JAMES VENABLE, a well known klansmen in the Stone Mountain, Georgia, area. It was reported that VENABLE subsequently had

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words with HEATH concerning the above actions, and VENABLE verbally instructed HEATH not to wear his robe in public again and that by him doing so would embarrass the NKKKK and VENABLE.

(AT T-3 on June 17, 1968).

On May 24, 1968, it was reported that JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK does not appear to be interested in the holding of klan meetings and appears to be mainly concerned with the klan monthly paper entitled, "The Imperial Night Hawk".

(AT T-4 on May 24, 1968).

On July 23, 1968, it was learned that DONALD HEATH and DAVID J. HARRIS, JR., had both obtained a Hertz U-Drive-It trailer and had left on the evening of July 21, 1968, for Akron, Ohio, in order to meet with the NKKKK leader EVANS LEWIS at Akron, Ohio. JAMES VENABLE had apparently become disenchanted with HEATH concerning HEATH's activities during the ROBERT F. KENNEDY funeral and a complete rupture between VENABLE and HEATH was brought about by a telephone call from JIM BURRELL, who is associated with the NKKKK in Detroit, Michigan. BURRELL advised VENABLE that HEATH had extracted \$50.00 klan dues from over 300 klansmen and that VENABLE confronted HEATH with this and later banished both HEATH and HARRIS from the NKKKK organization and stripped him of his title as the Grand Dragon for the Mid-Western States.

(AT T-3 on July 23, 1968).

## II. ACTIVITIES OF KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

### 1. NKKKK KLAVERN AT TUCKER, GEORGIA

A. The NKKKK has a unit at Tucker, Georgia, which meets at the National Headquarters at Tucker, Georgia, and has a membership of approximately 15 individuals.

(AT T-4 on July 30, 1968).

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B. IDENTITY OF OFFICERS

The following are known officers of the Tucker Unit of the NKKKK, Tucker, Georgia as of August 2, 1968:

<u>Exalted Cyclops</u>	CURTIS <del>KING</del>
<u>Kludd</u>	HENRY <del>PRICE</del>
<u>Klabee</u>	BENNIE <del>MC CORMICK</del>
<u>Klokan Chief</u>	W. R. <del>CHRISMAN</del>
<u>Klokan Committee</u>	MAX <del>STAMPER</del> and CLAUDE <del>RAMEY</del>
<u>Night Hawk</u>	RONALD <del>PHILLIPS</del>

(AT T-4 on August 2, 1968).

C. SUMMARY OF KLAVERN ACTIVITIES

It was learned on May 24, 1968, that the Tucker Klavern of the NKKKK has not held a meeting in recent months. It was noted that the Tucker Klavern formerly met on Sundays, however, no meetings have been held since February, 1968.

(AT T-4 on May 24, 1968).

2. NKKKK KLAVERN AT BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA

A. NAME AND LOCATION OF UNIT

The NKKKK has a unit at Barnesville, Georgia, which has a membership of approximately 18 individuals.

(AT T-5 on August 2, 1968).

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B. IDENTITY OF OFFICERS

The following are known officers of the Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK as of August 2, 1968:

Exalted Cyclops

~~JOHN MAX MITCHELL~~ *Max*

Klokard

~~PETE LUMPKIN~~

Kligrapp

~~ROBERT BROOKS~~ *GA*

Kladd

~~MARLIN PRICE~~

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~~RONNIE BROWN~~

Klexter

~~Buddy Burke~~

(AT T-5 on August 2, 1968).

C. SUMMARY OF KLAVERN ACTIVITIES

The Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK has held the following known meetings at Barnesville, Georgia, on the dates indicated:

<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
January 28, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	February 6, 1968 January 30, 1968
February 4, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	February 6, 1968 February 6, 1968
February 11, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	March 6, 1968 February 16, 1968
February 18, 1968	AT T-5	March 6, 1968
February 25, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	March 6, 1968 February 26, 1968
March 3, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	March 14, 1968 March 19, 1968

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<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
March 10, 1968	AT T-5	March 20, 1968
March 17, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	March 20, 1968 March 19, 1968
March 24, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	April 3, 1968 March 26, 1968
April 7, 1968	AT T-5	May 22, 1968
April 21, 1968	AT T-6	April 23, 1968
April 28, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	May 22, 1968 April 29, 1968
May 5, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	May 22, 1968 May 7, 1968
May 12, 1968	AT T-5 AT T-6	May 22, 1968 May 14, 1968
June 30, 1968	AT T-6	July 2, 1968
July 13, 1968	AT T-6	July 14, 1968
July 21, 1968	AT T-6	July 23, 1968

At a meeting of the Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK held on January 28, 1968, at its usual meeting place at Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia, on January 28, 1968, CURTIS KING was overheard to say that the Tucker Unit might again begin to attend meetings jointly with the Barnesville Unit since the Barnesville Unit was again holding its meetings on Saturday night.

(AT T-6 on January 30, 1968).

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At a meeting of the Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK held on February 4, 1968, MAX MITCHELL said that if all that had joined the klavern came to the meetings the unit would have enough members to do some good. MITCHELL explained that 45 men had joined the Barnesville Unit in the past year but had not returned.

(AT T-6 on February 6, 1968).

At a meeting of the Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK held on Sunday, February 25, 1968, at Barnesville, Georgia, it was noted that there were not enough members present to hold a regular meeting so the membership just sat around and talked and wondered why there wasn't more there.

(AT T-6 on February 26, 1968).

At a meeting of the Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK held on March 3, 1968, the membership talked about a rally that the NKKKK was going to sponsor located on a mountain site on the Pike-Upson County line. MAX MITCHELL, GENE MITCHELL, and PETE LUMPKIN were reported to have travelled to Tucker, Georgia, on March 2, 1968, to see JAMES VENABLE about getting some speakers to attend the rally and VENABLE said that he would come and would attempt to get more speakers. It was mentioned that VENABLE appeared worried about the klan not growing more and requested the three above individuals to really go to work and get more people interested in the klan.

(AT T-6 on March 5, 1968).

At a meeting of the Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK held on March 10, 1968, it was learned that MAX MITCHELL was giving consideration to starting a new meeting of the NKKKK at Butler, Georgia.

(AT T-5 on March 20, 1968).

At a meeting of the Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK held on April 28, 1968, plans were discussed to set up a unit at Thomaston, Georgia, and later on another unit at Butler, Georgia. The Barnesville Unit, according to MAX MITCHELL is to be used as a superior unit and to rotate

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meetings at the above locations on a monthly basis.

(AT T-5 on May 22, 1968).

On June 30, 1968, there was a joint meeting of the Barnesville and Upson County, Thomaston Unit held at Barnesville, Georgia. JIMMY VENABLE was supposed to attend the meeting in order to present a charter to the Upson County unit but he did not arrive.

(AT T-5 on July 2, 1968).

3. NKKKK KLAVERN AT THOMASTON, UPSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

A. NAME AND LOCATION OF UNIT.

The NKKKK established a unit at Thomaston, Upson County, Georgia, on May 26, 1968. At the above unit's first meeting held on May 26, 1968, at Thomaston, Georgia, it was decided to name this new klavern as the Upson County Klavern #3. The meeting was held at the home of TOM MARSH at 141 G Circle, Thomaston, Georgia. The above unit was reported to be receiving a charter from Imperial Headquarters at Tucker, Georgia, in the near future.

(AT T-5 on June 11, 1968).

Ca. B. IDENTITY OF OFFICERS

On May 26, 1968, at the initial meeting of the Upson County #3 Klavern, the following individuals were elected as its officers:

Exalted Cyclops

Klaliff

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Kludd

~~TOM MARSH~~

~~JERRY HUCKABY~~

~~VERLIN COGGINS~~

~~JOHNNY TEAL~~

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~~Kladd~~

~~Kladd~~

~~Klarogo~~

~~Klexter~~

~~HAROLD WAINWRIGHT~~

~~CHIPS COLEY~~

~~DONALD HUCKABY~~

~~TOM CLAY~~

(AT T-5 on June 11, 1968).

C. ACTIVITIES OF THE UPSON COUNTY #3 KLAVERN  
NKKKK

The Upson County Klavern #3 NKKKK has held the following known meetings at Thomaston, Georgia, on the dates indicated.

<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
May 26, 1968	AT T-5	June 11, 1968
	AT T-6	May 28, 1968
June 2, 1968	AT T-5	June 11, 1968
	AT T-6	June 4, 1968
June 16, 1968	AT T-5	July 2, 1968
	AT T-6	June 17, 1968
June 23, 1968	AT T-5	July 2, 1968
	AT T-6	June 24, 1968

On June 9, 1968, members of the Barnesville and Upson County Klaverns, totaling about 15 persons travelled to Imperial Headquarters and conferred with JAMES VENABLE and THOMAS O'BRIEN. The officers of the Upson County #3 Klavern were installed at this meeting. Membership dues were set at \$25.00 initiation fee and \$50.00 a year membership dues, a portion of which will be submitted to the National Headquarters at Tucker, Georgia.

(AT T-5 on June 11, 1968 and AT T-6 on June 9, 1968).

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4. MISCELLANEOUS

In addition to the above units, the State of Georgia, NKKKK, has a small unit which meets occasionally at Hartwell, Georgia, and has an approximate membership of about 8 individuals.

(AT T-4 on July 31, 1968).

III. FINANCES

There is no known bank account at the present time in the name of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. JAMES VENABLE, the Imperial Wizard, operates the NKKKK financially on his own and has recently relied on the services of TOM O'BRIEN as far as the business management of the klan is concerned. However, most of the financial support for this klan organization comes from VENABLE.

(AT T-3 on August 2, 1968).

Records of the Citizens and Southern National Bank, Stone Mountain, Georgia, revealed a bank account in the name of "Imperial Night Hawk" address Post Office Box 111, Stone Mountain, Georgia. It was noted that the persons authorized to sign checks under that account were JAMES R. VENABLE and THOMAS O'BRIEN.

Transactions on the above account for the period of July, 1968, indicated the following activity:

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<u>DATE OF ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
June 28, 1968	\$ 5.00	Guidelines Magazine
July 6, 1968	50.00	Petty Cash
July 15, 1968	20.00	Supreme Business Machines
July 19, 1968	100.00	Petty Cash
July 20, 1968	50.00	Petty Cash

All of the above checks were noted to have been signed by TOM O'BRIEN and the balance of the account was listed as \$98.59. The above records failed to disclose the name of the depositor for the above account.

Records of the above bank can be obtained for presentation in Federal Court upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mrs. LOUIS PAYNE, Bookkeeper, Citizens and Southern National Bank, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

#### IV. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

On May 24, 1968, it was learned that Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE had indicated that he was no longer interested in the holding of klavern meetings and appeared to be mainly interested in the new klan monthly newspaper entitled, "The Imperial Night Hawk".

(AT T-4 on May 24, 1968).

On July 23, 1968, AT T-3 advised that TOM O'BRIEN, the Imperial Kligrapp and Editor of the NKKKK newspaper "The Imperial Night Hawk", although a former member of the Catholic faith was now an ardent critic of the Jewish faith and that most of the articles in the "Imperial Night Hawk" were written by O'BRIEN and almost all of them were invectives aimed against the Jewish faith, and people.

AT T-7 furnished issue number 3 of the "Imperial Night Hawk" on April 24, 1968, and some of the articles in that newspaper were captioned as follows. The main item in

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the above paper appearing on Page 1, was entitled "Jews plan destruction of Germany in 1933". "Jew Cash Corrupts Our Leaders", "Jew Press Corrupts Our Minds".

On Page 3 an article attributed to Reverend MARIAN PALANDRANO reprinted from the St. Michael's News Zarephath, New Jersey, was captioned "Jews take over Catholic Church".

The above issue of the "Imperial Night Hawk" also contained an article, entitled "The most Dangerous Man in America (Political Funeral; War Wide Homage Eulogy)". The above article indicated that the recent assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING should open the eyes of honorable and patriotic law abiding citizens of America. The article went on to say that KING was the most dangerous man in the United States and expressed disgust at the manner in which the clergy, the press and leading politicians and political minds in the United States paid homage to KING during his funeral.

Issue number 3 of the "Imperial Night Hawk" also contained coupons for special bonus issues of the "Germans", a book printed by Dr. OREN F. ~~POTITO~~, who is affiliated with the National States Rights Party in Ocala, Florida.

A characterization of the National States Rights Party appears in the appendix section of this report.

On June 25, 1968, AT T-7 furnished Issue number 4 of the "Imperial Night Hawk" which carried as its main article on its front piece the title "The Pope is a Jew", with a subtitle "Jews Dominate Vatican since 1878". That article went on to say that all the Popes from Louis XIII through Pope PAUL VI were or are Jewish with the exception of Pope Pious X, the year 1903 to 1914. The article indicated that Papal elections were rigged, preplanned and sponsored by Jewish Cardinals Freemasons and apostates for various reasons.

A second article carried on Page 1 of Issue number 4 of the "Imperial Night Hawk" was titled "Fervent Appeal to American Patriots" with the by-line of JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK. The article was basically a synopsis of the inception of the klan in 1865 and its history until the present. The above article was also an

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attempt by VENABLE to obtain membership in his klan organization.

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that Edward R. Fields, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of "The Thunderbolt," is the individual who actually controls the NSRP.

Issue No. 72, dated November, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt," reflects Dr. Edward R. Fields to be National Director of the NSRP as well as Editor of "The Thunderbolt."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.



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File No. 157-60

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia  
August 13, 1968

Title

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character

RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

Reference

Report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 19, 1968

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service , Atlanta, Georgia (Registered Mail)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
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Date: 8/26/68

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP-8 BJS/fat

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1509) (P\*)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RM (KLAN)

Re Atlanta airtel dated 8/15/68.

[redacted] was contacted on 8/23/68, at which time he stated that the California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (CKKKK), an affiliate of the NKKKK is no longer active in this area, and that to his knowledge there would be no members of the CKKKK who would be interested enough in the KKK to attend the annual Klan Day.

On 8/22/68, [redacted] was contacted and he stated that he had recently talked with both DON BERNARD O'HIGGINS, Grand Dragon, CKKKK, and EDDIE AUTREY, member CKKKK, and they both indicated that the CKKKK is now inactive due to the lack of interest in the KKK by former members, and the fact that WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, former Grand Dragon, CKKKK, had left the CKKKK in such a condition, both financially, and the fact that he had caused friction among the members themselves. He knew of no plans for any CKKKK members to attend the Klan Day ceremonies.

The Los Angeles Office will remain alert for any information concerning any future plans of the CKKKK to reactivate.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

May 31, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)-CHICAGO  
BUfile 157-168  
CGfile 157-895

In December, 1967, a source advised that Donald R. Heath, 2055 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was Illinois Grand Dragon for NKKKK. This source stated Heath had indicated he was attempting to organize a NKKKK branch at Chicago, which would subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the national organization of the NKKKK.

In early January, 1968, a second source advised Donald R. Heath, Illinois Grand Dragon, NKKKK, and William Harvey Plogger, 2340 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, were NKKKK leaders at Chicago.

The second source also stated in early January, 1968, that Heath and Plogger, Chicago police officers, along with six other Chicago police officers, were suspended by the Chicago Police Department on December 28, 1967, because of their association with NKKKK activities in Chicago.

The first source advised in April, 1968, that Heath had moved from Chicago and all activity of the NKKKK at Chicago had ceased with his departure.

The second source and a third source advised in May, 1968, that NKKKK activities at Chicago were non-existent. These sources both indicated Heath's attempt to recruit members into the NKKKK at Chicago prior to his departure from the city was futile.

On May 26, 1968, the above three sources and a fourth source advised NKKKK does not have an organization at Chicago, Illinois, or anywhere in Illinois. All sources indicated belief attempts would again be made to organize a NKKKK branch at Chicago in the future.

Sources: [redacted] reliable.

Division, Chicago PD.

Division, Bureau of Inspectional Services, Chicago PD (both described as agencies which collect intelligence type data in the Chicago area).

Date [redacted] reliable.

NOTE: National characterization of NKKKK must be used with Chicago characterization.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/26/68

FROM SAC, JACKSON (157-2934) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
RM (KLAN)  
(OO: ATLANTA)

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 8/15/68.

Contact with racial informants and sources of the Jackson Office during August, 1968, fails to reveal any information indicating that any Klansmen from Miss. plan to attend the cross burning at Stone Mountain, Georgia, scheduled for August 31, 1968, by captioned organization.

In the event any information is received prior to 8/31/68 concerning Klansmen attending this cross burning, Atlanta will be immediately advised.

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2 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM)  
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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RA-KLAN, OO : ATLANTA. *Deegan*

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, DATED AUGUST

FIFTEEN LAST.

*ms* [ ] CODE NAME [ ] ADVISED AUGUST

TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT, THAT [ ] NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) [ ] AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN INVITED  
TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL NATIONWIDE RALLY OF THE <sup>KKK</sup> [ ] TO BE HELD STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, AUGUST THIRTYONE NEXT AT SEVEN THIRTY PM AT THE  
SAME SITE THAT IT HAS BEEN HELD FOR THE PAST THIRTY YEARS. *C*

[ ] ATTENDANCE AT THIS RALLY [ ]

[ ] WOULD ENHANCE HIS PRESTIGE WITHIN  
THE NATIONAL NKKKK ORGANIZATION. BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO SEND  
[ ] TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO COVER THIS ANNUAL  
NATIONWIDE RALLY.

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[REDACTED] PLAN TO TAKE FLIGHT NINE FIVE NINE FROM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FIVE ZERO FIVE PM, AUGUST THIRTY NEXT, ARRIVING ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA, SEVEN THIRTY PM, AUGUST THIRTY NEXT, AND TO RETURN TO [REDACTED]  
BY PLANE ON SEPTEMBER TWO NEXT. [REDACTED], AN NKKKK  
MEMBER FROM [REDACTED], AT ATLANTA, TO ATTEND RALLY. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO PAY SOURCE UP TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO A TOTAL NOT  
IN EXCESS OF [REDACTED] FOR THE FOUR DAYS INVOLVED  
IN COVERING THE NATIONWIDE RALLY. SOURCE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ATLANTA  
FBI OFFICE IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY.

SOURCE WILL BE DEBRIEFED IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO [REDACTED]

AIRTEL AND LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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Date: 8/29/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (RUC)  
(NKKKK)  
RM - ORGANIZATION  
MI file 105-182  
Bu file 157-168

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 8/15/68.

DAVID JOHN HARRIS, Sr. (P)  
RM - KLAN  
MI file 157-223  
Bu file 157-9250

Re Atlanta letter to Milwaukee dated 8/26/68.

Enclosed for the Cleveland Office is one copy of  
referenced Atlanta letter.

As the Milwaukee Office does not have an active Klan  
organization in the State of Wisconsin, no information has been  
developed to indicate that persons from this area will attend a

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  - (3 - 105-168)
  - (3 - 157-9250)
- 4 - Atlanta (AM) (RM)
  - (2 - 157-60)
  - (2 - 157-3145)
- 4 - Cleveland (AM) (RM)
  - (2 - 157-NKKKK)
  - (2 - 157-HARRIS) (Encl. 1)
- 3 - Milwaukee
  - (1 - 105-182)
  - (2 - 157-223)

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Klan rally at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on 8/31/68.

Detective JOHN HALASKA, Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee PD, was advised of the details of the rally to be held on 8/31/68 by the NKKKK. HALASKA advised that his unit had received no information which would indicate that any person from the Milwaukee area would be attending the rally.

HALASKA further advised that HARRIS has recently called a personal friend of his in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and advised that he is presently residing in Akron, Ohio. He listed his address as 74 Wise Street, Akron, Ohio. For the information of Cleveland, HARRIS is known as the Grand Dragon Realm of Wisconsin NKKKK and recently moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia, to attempt to take over the duties of JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, NKKKK.

As indicated in referenced Atlanta letter, the Milwaukee and Atlanta Divisions are presently preparing reports concerning the activities of HARRIS and will be submitted to the Bureau for appropriate reassignment of OO.

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Date: 8/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-72) (P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RM (KLAN)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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CC [signature]  
[signature]

Re Atlanta airtel to Director dated 8/15/68.

Information furnished by racial sources in the Tampa Division indicates that as many as 25 members of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan from the area covered by Tampa Division, in 8 to 10 automobiles, are expected to attend the annual Klan Day activities at Stone Mountain, Ga., on 8/31/68. Many of these will depart the Florida area during the evening of 8/30/68 to arrive in the Atlanta area during the early morning hours of 8/31/68. They expect to return to Florida on 9/1/68.

Sources have reported no plans by above-mentioned klansmen for any activities other than peaceful participation in the normal klan activities at the Stone Mountain function.

For further information of the Bureau and Atlanta, klansmen from this area will probably include [redacted] and [redacted] and possibly [redacted] and [redacted]. These sources will be in a position to follow activities of the Tampa area

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
  - 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
  - 6 - Tampa (1 each 157-309; [redacted])
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Special Agent in Charge

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klansmen, were in a position where their attendance was expected and it was felt they could hardly decline to participate in this activity, and payments for their services and expenses will be taken care of through their regular Bureau-authorized payments.

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Date: 9/9/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168) m2  
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
 KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)  
 RM (KLAN)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight  
 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Two  
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Informants who furnished information in the  
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Atlanta, Georgia  
September 3, 1968

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**ANNUAL RALLY HELD AUGUST 31,  
1968, AT STONE MOUNTAIN  
GEORGIA, BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)**

The following is a summary of information  
furnished on September 3, 1968, by AT T-1, AT T-2, AT  
T-3, and AT T-4:

National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,  
(NKKKK), held its annual rally in a pasture at the foot  
of Stone Mountain in Stone Mountain, Georgia, on  
August 31, 1968. Approximately 300 people gathered in  
a drizzling rain to hear speakers from Georgia, Alabama,  
South Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Louisiana, and Tennessee.  
A large cross about 30 to 35 feet tall was burned.  
Forty to fifty robed Klansmen participated in the cross  
burning ceremony.

There were about a dozen speakers, many of  
whom concealed their identity by wearing hoods over  
their face in addition to the traditional Klan robe.  
The main subjects discussed by the speakers were  
Communism, segregation, white supremacy, and the  
candidacy of former Alabama Governor George Wallace for  
President.

One of the main speakers was James R. Venable,  
Imperial Wizard of NKKKK, who also acted as master of  
ceremonies. Venable denounced Communism, both major  
political parties, and Congress. He stated he described  
integration as a Communist inspired plot to destroy the  
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**ANNUAL RALLY HELD AUGUST 31, 1968,  
AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, BY  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.**

Tom O'Brien, Editor of "The Imperial Night Hawk", official publication of NKKKK, talked about the paper and its need for additional subscribers and funds.

Robert Creel, who was introduced as the Grand Dragon for Alabama of NKKKK, spoke mainly in support of George Wallace for President.

Jason Kersey, old-time Klansman from Florida, was introduced but did not speak.

Earl E. George, a long-time Georgia Klansman, made a short speech on the past glories of the Klan.

Charlie Maddox from Savannah, Georgia, made a brief speech urging everyone to support George Wallace.

A hooded Klansman from South Carolina whose name was not revealed denounced both major political candidates and charged that Vice President Hubert Humphrey is mainly responsible for the integration of the ~~recent~~ now taking place.

A one-armed man whose last name is Duncan was introduced as being from Louisiana. He spoke along the same lines as the other speakers did.

Klansman named Jerry Pope was introduced as a representative of the Dixie Klans from Tennessee.

Another speaker was George Sligh, an old-time Klansman who represented Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Jonesboro, Georgia.

Campaign material of George Wallace for President was sold to the crowd. This material included bumper stickers, buttons, etc.

**ANNUAL RALLY HELD AUGUST 31, 1968,  
AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, BY  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.**

Imperial Wizard Venable expressed some disappointment at the size of the crowd and blamed it on the weather.

The crowd was orderly and there were no incidents of violence.

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**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**September 3, 1968**

Title	<b>ANNUAL RALLY HELD AUGUST 31, 1968, AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)</b>
Character	<b>RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)</b>
Reference	<b>Atlanta memorandum dated and captioned as above.</b>

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-1116)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
 KU KLUX KLAN  
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Enclosed are 11 copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

Two copies of this LHM are being furnished G-2, Secret Service, USA, and Detroit PD, all Detroit, for their information.

Source utilized in the LHM is identified as [redacted]

For the information of offices concerned, [redacted] advised that automobiles bearing the following license plates were observed in the area of the Klan rally on 8/31 and 9/1/68:

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Georgia	12074
Georgia	62-2909
Georgia	33J1176
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Georgia	7-22653 (possibly GRANNY's automobile)



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Detroit, Michigan  
September 10, 1968

Re: National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan

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Attached is a characterization of  
the National Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 3, 1968, that a national rally of Klan Associations took place on August 31, 1968, at approximately 8:00 p.m. at the foot of Stone Mountain, Georgia. A national rally of the Klansmen and a cross-burning was held.

The source advised that there were 60 to 75 Klansmen attending dressed in robes, and about 250 altogether in attendance.

The source reported that some of the Klan representatives who spoke were James Venable, Bill Turner, from Louisiana; Jerry Cult, from Tennessee; Evan Lewis, from Ohio; and Jack Crites, the Imperial Klud from Ohio, who urged Klansmen to use their votes to get crooked politicians out of office, and if that did not work, then they should use bullets.

The confidential source further advised that on September 1, 1968, at approximately 9:00 a.m., 45 Klansmen met at the National Klan's Hall at Tucker, Georgia, for a breakfast and series of talks by a number of state representatives. The first speaker spoke on why the Klan was not growing in numbers.

James Venable spoke at approximately 11:00 a.m., and made a plea for funds to publish the "Imperial Nighthawk", a Klan periodical.

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Re: National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan

Mr. Evan Lewis took the floor and asked Mr. Venable for a reaffirmation that the Klan would stick by the constitution and continue to bar Negroes, Jews, and Catholics from the Klan. Venable affirmed that the constitution would be upheld.

The source advised that the next speaker was an elderly woman who was referred to as Granny. She smoked a cigar and carried a .38 revolver in her bra.

The next speaker was first name unknown Boggs, from Orlando, Florida, and then a Mr. E. E. George, Imperial Wizard of the Improved Order of the United States Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, Post Office Box 111, Lithonia, Georgia, spoke.

The following National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan members from Michigan were observed at this rally:

Bill Hall  
Tom Sutton  
Leroy Tungate  
Robert States  
Robert Coffee

The confidential source advised that at approximately 9:00 p.m., on September 1, 1968, five National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan members were observed in Room 18 of the Memorial Hotel, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Jack Crites announced that there had been a shoot-out between some of the Klansmen and three cars full of Negroes at Berea, Kentucky. Crites was concerned about Connie Lynch, and it was understood that first name unknown Rucker had been shot and leaves a wife and several children.

Evan Lewis talked in favor of getting Klansmen who were still at the motel and going to Berea and wipe out all the Negroes in the town. Lewis was not taken seriously by the group, and the subject was dropped.

Re: National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan

Jack Crites inquired of the Michigan Klansmen as to how many men they had that they could depend on to do a job or go out and do some action and that they could work in teams of two.

Evan Lewis asked Bill Hall of the Michigan Unit "How much stuff do you have?". Hall replied that he had "One and one-half cases of 80 percent stuff, several caps, a quantity of fuse, several pistols, an M-1 Carbine, and two Spitfires".

Crites stated he wanted the Detroit members to come to Akron, Ohio, in the fall so he could show them how to handle the stuff, make grenades, and set off explosives by radio.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 9/12/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(NKKKK)  
RM - KLAN  
(OO: ATLANTA)

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Cincinnati's semi-annual report is due 9/25/68.

The Agent to whom this case is assigned is currently on a civil rights special in Chicago, Illinois.

This semi-annual report will be submitted promptly upon his return.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-13) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK  
RM - KLAN

DATE: 9/23/68

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On 9/13/68, [redacted], an Informant of the Mobile Office, who attended a National Association of Klans Rally and "Board Meeting" at Stone Mountain, Georgia, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that a delegation of persons from Ohio were present at the Association Rally. He stated that the delegation from Ohio were "not free" with their names and he believes that one name he heard was possibly LOUIS EVANS. He stated that in order to secure the names he had furnished his name and address and offered to come to Ohio and speak at any rally they scheduled there.

CREEL is the Imperial Grand Dragon for the States of Ala., Miss., Ark., and La.

He stated that from conversations he had with the delegation from Ohio he was under the impression that no large Klan group had been organized but that they were interested in any size group they could organize. He said this delegation brought a large amount of literature with them, some of which he had never heard of before, and this literature was distributed at the rally. The list of the literature is as follows:

a. A Booklet entitled, "The Green Magicians", which appears to be a dissertation on how the "minority" has robbed the "majority" of the wealth of the country. The minority refers to the bankers and Wall Street brokers and the majority refers to the wage earners.

b. A booklet entitled, "Liberty Lobby, testimony presented before Congress. This refers to hearings before the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives on HR14743 of 1/23, 25, 30, 31 and 2/1/68.

c. A newspaper, apparently published by the "Liberty Lobby" contains discussions of legislation.

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d. A paper captioned, Arizona Newsletter. This pertains to discussion of the proposed gun law and is published from the address of P. O. Box 288, Sedona, Arizona.

e. A paper captioned, Alert #49, published 6/7/68, which is published by a P. A. Del VALLE, President, Defenders of the American Constitution, and appears to be sent out from P. O. Box 1131, North Miami, Florida. This paper states, "Internationalists will meet in Aug., 1968, to draft a World Constitution."

f. A paper captioned, "Petition For Redress of Grievances" which purports to be a petition signed by 25 high ranking military officers, who are retired, requesting certain things be changed in the handling of the Viet Nam conflict and that the State Department be prohibited from "relaying our strategic and tactical plans for conduct of the war be stopped instantly".

g. A paper entitled, "Lincoln's Hopes For the Negro In His Own Words" which purports to be an excerpt from a speech made at Springfield, Ill., 7/17/1858.

h. A paper that states "Communist Emblem, Common to Both Factions". This paper has the "Zionist Flag" on one side and the "International Flag" on the other and sets forth information that appears to compare Masonry and the B'nai B'rith and states that both organizations are one and the same and operated by the devil.

i. A paper which purports to be a commentary on statements made by Senator McCLELLAN concerning the March on Washington of 5/7/68.

j. A paper captioned Across Frontiers, which furnishes information regarding a World Committee for a World Constitutional Convention which was to be held 8/27/68, at Wolfach, Germany.

k. Two newspapers entitled The Woman Constitution-  
alists published 8/3/68, and this is allegedly the official organ of the Women For Constitutional Government. One contains an article written by Lt. Colonel ARCH E. ROBERTS, captioned "The Anatomy of a Revolution".

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All of the above material is being placed in the 1-A serial of the Mobile file of captioned organization and copies of same can be forwarded if the Bureau requests copies of any of the material.

Letter to All Special Agents in Charge  
RE: CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBVERSIVE, RACIAL, KLAN,  
WHITE HATE, AND MILITANT BLACK ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation

of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A fourth source advised in July, 1968, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard.

Sources:

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TITLE OF CASE <b>NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA C. B. STANBERRY</b>	TYPED BY <b>ljd</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM (KLAN)</b>	

REFERENCE: Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 4/24/68.

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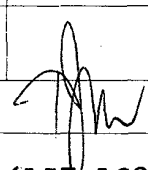
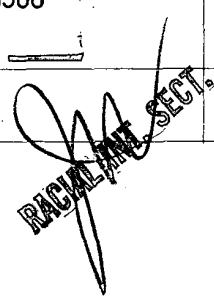
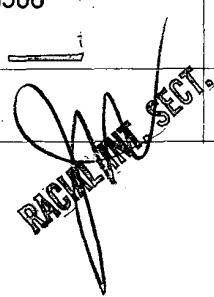
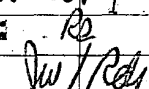
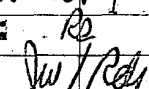
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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T - symbols were used to protect the sources of information in view of the KKK's potential for violence.

## LEAD:

The Birmingham office at Tarrant City, Alabama will continue to report activity of National Klavern #1, NKKKK.

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Report of: SA C. B. STANBERRY Office: BIRMINGHAM  
Date: 10/11/68

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Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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## Synopsis:

On April 13, 1968, Klavern #14 of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) changed its affiliation to National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK). Regular weekly meetings have been held by this Klavern which is now known as National #1, NKKKK. A few public rallies have been held during the past six months with no incidents of violence.

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## DETAILS:

At Birmingham, Alabama

A characterization of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK) and United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) are included in the appendix of this report.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised on April 15, 1968, that a special meeting of NKKKK was held on April 13, 1968, 7:30 p.m., at the Tarrant, Alabama Klavern Hall. On this occasion, Klavern #14, UKA, changed affiliation to NKKKK and the Klavern will be known as National Klavern #1. T-1 said the purpose of this special meeting was the presentation of the NKKKK Charter to this Klavern and for the election of new Klavern officers. The charter was presented and duly voted on. The vote carried and the charter was accepted. New officers were elected as follows:

Exalted Cyclops  
 Klaliff  
 Klokard  
 Kludd  
 Kligrapp  
 Klabee  
 Kladd  
 Klorogo  
 Klexter  
 Klokann Chief  
 Nighthawk

R. C. RIVERS  
 JOHNNY ALBERT WARREN  
 MITCHELL BURNS  
 JOSEPH McDONALD  
 THOMAS G. RAMEY  
 HOMER GARRETT  
 OLLIE B. BINGHAM  
 WILLIAM WALLACE FORTENBERRY  
 B. G. MILES  
 GEORGE FRANKLIN  
 O. D. ORWIN

The following meetings of this Klavern, as furnished by T-1, were held at the time, and places indicated below:

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Place of Meeting</u>	<u>Number of Members Present</u>	<u>Date of Information</u>
April 17, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	8	April 17, 1968
April 18, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	17	April 21, 1968
April 25, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	14	May 5, 1968
May 2, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	11	May 9, 1968
May 9, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	14	May 13, 1968
May 16, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	11	
May 24, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	11	May 27, 1968
May 30, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	15	June 2, 1968
June 6, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	12	June 13, 1968
June 13, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	8	June 17, 1968
June 20, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	11	June 24, 1968

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June 27, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	12	July 11, 1968
July 11, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	13	July 12, 1968
July 18, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	8	July 22, 1968
July 25, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	11	July 29, 1968
August 1, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	13	August 12, 1968
August 8, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	10	August 12, 1968
August 15, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	11	August 22, 1968
August 22, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	9	August 27, 1968
August 29, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	10	September 3, 1968
September 5, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	10	September 9, 1968
September 9, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	11	September 16, 1968
September 12, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	9	September 18, 1968
September 19, 1968	Tarrant Klavern Hall	11	September 30, 1968

PUBLIC RALLIES

24, 1968: T-1 furnished the following information on April

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

National Klavern #1, NKKKK, held a public rally at Warrior, Alabama, on April 21, 1968. Approximately fifty people were in attendance which included about seventeen Klansmen. ~~TOM O'BRIEN~~, editor of the Imperial Nighthawk, official newspaper of the NKKKK, stated that the Southern States are the last bulwark of defense against the encroaching powers of the Federal Government. ROBERT CREEL, Imperial Grand Dragon of NKKKK was present at this rally as well as EARNEST FAULKNER, Grand Dragon of the State of Alabama. There was no violence at the rally.

1968: T-1 furnished the following information on July 22,

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A public rally was held at 8:00 p.m. on July 20, 1968 on Highway number 79 near Tarrant City, Alabama, by NKKKK. About fifty people including seven Klansmen attended. A cross, approximately twenty feet tall, was burned. Imperial Grand Dragon ROBERT CREEL was the main speaker. CREEL's main topic was the proposed law which pertains to the re-zoning of the school districts in Alabama. CREEL urged support for this proposed law. CREEL also criticized "Jews" and said if the Jews did not like what a man said they would cut his credit off. CREEL urged non-klansmen to sign up in the Klan and not be afraid of the consequences. There was no violence at this rally.

12, 1968: T-1 furnished the following information on August

A public rally was held by National Klavern #1, NKKKK, on August 3, 1968, at 8:00 p.m., near Tarrant City, Alabama. Approximately sixty persons were present which included nine Klansmen. The principal speaker was EARNEST FAULKNER, NKKKK, Grand Dragon for the State of Alabama. FAULKNER, who was slightly intoxicated, made a rambling speech which lasted almost one hour. He spoke on the subject of homosexuals and sex perversion and seemed to be obsessed. FAULKNER told another Klansman that he was sick of making "Sunday school speeches" and that he was really going to "lay it on the line." There were no violent acts reported at this rally.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and the United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 7, 1968, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 3, 1967, at a National Klonvocation in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National Office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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Character       RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference       Birmingham report of SA C. B.  
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The Cincinnati and Detroit offices are being furnished an information copy each of this report in view of their interest in this matter.

Requests have been made of the Bureau to include JACK CRITES and EVAN LEWIS on the Agitator Index.

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Synopsis:

Activities of JACK CRITES and EVAN LEWIS, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) members of Akron, Ohio, set forth. CRITES recently identified as Imperial Kludd of NKKKK. Both have traveled to Michigan to help establish NKKKK unit in Detroit, and to Stone Mountain, Georgia, for national meeting, 8-31-68, as Ohio representatives. Within past three months, they have been joined in Akron by DONALD HEATH and DAVID HARRIS, who were reportedly banned from NKKKK by JAMES R. VENABLE, NKKKK Imperial Wizard.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) and the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) are contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

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EFFORTS TO REACTIVATE THE NKKKK IN THE AKRON,  
OHIO, AREA

CV T-1 on January 5, 1968, furnished the initial issue of the "Imperial Nighthawk" newspaper published by the NKKKK at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

In an article appearing in the "Imperial Nighthawk" entitled, "Klan News," information was published concerning Klan activities in various states throughout the United States. In this connection the article in part stated that they were congratulating EVAN LEWIS and JACK CRITES from the Northern Ohio area, as well as other Klansmen from the Southern Ohio area, for their splendid work in rebuilding the State of Ohio this past year.

CV T-2 on January 24, 1968, identified EVAN LEWIS as one of the leaders of the NKKKK movement in the Northern Ohio area when the NKKKK was active.

CV T-2 on September 27, 1967, related that JACK CRITES, former Exalted Cyclops of the UKA, Akron, Ohio, Klavern, on September 24, 1967, advised that he was in the process of organizing a local group of Klansmen to affiliate with the JAMES R. VENABLE Klan organization. He referred to VENABLE's group as the "Invisible Empire," Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, although source believed that this organization is actually the NKKKK, inasmuch as JAMES R. VENABLE is the Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK.

CV T-2 advised that CRITES indicated he had about ten Klansmen from the Akron, Ohio, Klavern of the UKA, who would join him.

CV T-2 on January 24, 1968, recapitulated a summary of information concerning possible activities of the NKKKK in the Akron, Ohio, area at the present time, which is set forth as follows:

"During April, 1967, JACK CRITES, then Exalted Cyclops of the Akron Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), dropped out of the UKA following numerous lengthy disputes with HOWARD C. LEWIS, Organizer of the UKA Akron Klavern.

"CRITES, by special invitation, held two meetings at his home of Akron Klavern UKA members he felt he could trust, about ten in number. He convinced these members to withdraw from the UKA and join with him in becoming members of the 'reactivated original Klan - to be known as the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.' This group, CRITES told them, would be made up of splinter Klan units from all over the country, and would operate under the national leadership of JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK. At the two April meetings, CRITES informed his Ex-UKA members that he hoped to hold regular meetings, rallies, etc. in the near future.

"By late September, 1967, it was learned from CRITES that he had been unable to schedule any rallies in the area, but that he had visited down South on Klan business and had talked to VENABLE. CRITES indicated he continued to have about ten followers locally, but that nothing was being accomplished. CRITES spoke in a very religious vein and indicated that one of the national leaders of the NKKKK was a Rev. C. LEWIS FOWLER, an ordained minister of St. Petersburg, Florida. CRITES, too, hoped to be ordained a minister.

"It is believed from CRITES' line of talk that he is becoming so religious he probably will soon lose his Klan followers. They are just not the type individuals to put up with CRITES' religious ranting and raving for very long.

"From recent contact with CRITES, it appears he has gone over-board on the religious kick. He sits in his home and plays tapes of recorded religious messages, reportedly made by one Rev. SWIFT of California, which are pro-segregation and anti-Semitic in nature. CRITES would like to travel to California to confer with Rev. SWIFT, whose records indicate he is convinced the Klan is the only group that can save the country from ultimate domination by the Communists. CRITES gives no indication there is a Klavern of the NKKKK currently active in the Akron, Ohio, area, although he promises the Klan's influence will be felt in the next presidential election. CRITES talks of plans to hold a gigantic Klan rally, possibly at Soldier's Field in Chicago, Illinois, where 150,000 persons could attend, but he knows of no way to organize such a rally.

"It remains to be seen whether CRITES will be able to retain his following of Ex-UKA members, or whether some, if not all, will drift back to the UKA, or out of the Klan altogether."

CV T-3 on January 22, 1968, advised that several meetings of former UKA members have taken place recently in Detroit, Michigan. The purpose of these meetings was to organize a unit of the NKKKK in Detroit, Michigan, because they were dissatisfied with the leadership in the UKA.

Source advised that Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK JAMES R. VENABLE, would fly to Detroit from Georgia on January 27, 1968, with other members of his staff. Reportedly the NKKKK Grand Drago of Ohio, from Akron, Ohio, would drive to Detroit on the same date. Source advised that the Chicago police officer who recently received publicity as being a Klansman, was also expected to travel to Detroit on January 27, 1968. These visitors will meet with local Detroit individuals for the purpose of organizing a unit of the NKKKK and a women's auxiliary in Detroit.

CV T-3 on January 29, 1968, advised that numerous individuals arrived in Detroit, Michigan, on January 27, 1968, for a meeting to establish a Detroit unit of the NKKKK. Among those present at the meeting were JAMES VENABLE and TOM O'BRIEN, from the NKKKK National Headquarters in Georgia, DON HEATH from Chicago and EVAN LEWIS and JACK CRITES from Akron, Ohio.

This source advised that VENABLE told the Detroit individuals present that it would cost them \$25 to join the NKKKK and \$50 per year for dues. VENABLE invited all to visit Stone Mountain, Georgia, the next Labor Day and pointed out how important it was for all the white people to arm themselves for the Negro revolution expected in the summer of 1968.

This source related that DON HEATH, reportedly suspended from the Chicago Police Department because of Klan activities, spoke about the Negro revolutionary groups in Chicago. He advised these Negro people are armed with M-1 rifles, pistols, machine guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition. HEATH further advised that there is a Klan unit in the Chicago Police Department and that he, HEATH, can get guns and ammunition in large quantities and that he can supply guns to any Klan unit in the United States of America. HEATH further stated that he is in charge of a seven state area under the NKKKK.

This source further advised that individuals from Michigan met again with these NKKKK officials on January 27 and

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28, 1968. Eight Michigan individuals paid \$25 each for initiation fees into the NKKKK and this money was given to VENABLE. Source advised that JACK CRITES, who he stated to be the Grand Dragon of Ohio, was driving a car bearing Ohio license plates 29-1745. Source stated that most of the individuals from Michigan were very displeased over the increase in costs to join the NKKKK. They argued that PARKIE SCOTT, NKKKK leader from Southern Ohio who was also present, had previously stated that it would cost \$15 initiation fee and \$15 dues and it has now been upped to \$25 initiation fee and \$50 dues. Source advised that it was still questionable whether a NKKKK unit would be formed in Michigan.

On March 25, 1968, JOHN HALASKA, Detective, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department, advised that a police department source informed him that DAVID J. HARRIS, 326 West Broadway, Waukesha, Wisconsin, had recently made three trips to Chicago, Illinois, to visit (First Name Unknown) HEATH, former Chicago police officer who allegedly is the leader of the NKKKK in the mid-West. Detective HALASKA advised that HEATH is identical to DONALD ROBERT HEATH who has publicly claimed that he is the NKKKK Imperial Dragon for the Mid-West area, with headquarters at Chicago. Detective HALASKA further advised that HARRIS has publicly claimed that he is the Grand Dragon, Realm of Wisconsin, NKKKK.

On March 29, 1968, Detective JOHN HALASKA of the Milwaukee Police Department, advised that their informant stated that DAVID HARRIS had stated that DONALD HEATH had indicated that 30 vehicles from the Ohio area and 18 vehicles from the State of Mississippi would meet in Akron, Ohio, on April 14, 1968. These vehicles would then travel to Waukesha County, Wisconsin, to hold a Klan rally at 7:00 p.m. on April 14, 1968.

On April 5, 1968, CV T-2 and CV T-4 were contacted concerning possible Klan rally to be held on April 14, 1968, at Waukesha County, Wisconsin, and the information about 30 vehicles from the Akron area and 18 vehicles from Mississippi possibly participating in this rally.

Above sources advised that JACK CRITES and EVAN LEWIS, both of Akron, are the only individuals of the Akron area known to have affiliations with the NKKKK. Source advised that neither CRITES or LEWIS have enough followers to fill one vehicle each, especially to travel to Wisconsin on Easter Sunday. Both sources further opined that the Klan would suspend activities temporarily following the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING rather than risk possible attempts of retaliation by Negroes at an open Klan rally.

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Major CARROLL CUTRIGHT, Detective Bureau, Akron, Ohio, Police Department, advised on April 14, 1968, he had received no information from Police Department radio cars in operation during April 14, 1968, that a caravan of automobiles with Ohio and Mississippi license plates had met in Akron on that date.

CV T-3 on April 25, 1968, advised that the Exalted Cyclops of unit one of the NKKKK of Michigan visited JACK CRITES at 666 Bridge Road, Akron, Ohio, the Grand Dragon of the NKKKK of Ohio on April 13, 1968.

This source advised that the purpose of this visit was to discuss the factional fight between the Grand Dragon and Secretary of the NKKKK in Michigan and the Exalted Cyclops of the Michigan NKKKK.

CRITES advised the Exalted Cyclops of unit one that he should write a letter to TOM O'BRIEN of the NKKKK National Office at Tucker, Georgia, telling him that the Exalted Cyclops and most of the members of unit one were continuing to organize without the elected Grand Dragon and Secretary of the Michigan NKKKK because of their inability to cooperate with the other Klan members.

Mr. EVAN LEWIS, Ohio member of the NKKKK, stated that he was very angry when he learned that the Detroit newspaperman who wrote the five day expose on the Klan in Detroit, Michigan, in 1967, was still alive. EVANS wanted to know if there were any real men in the Klan in Michigan. EVANS stated that he had a hand grenade that he maintained in a keg of nails located in JACK CRITES' garage and that he would furnish it to any Klansman in Michigan who would use it to kill the newspaperman.

CRITES stated that DON HEATH, the Klansman from the Chicago area, was going to Stone Mountain, Georgia, to work at the NKKKK National Headquarters and that the NKKKK Grand Dragon of Wisconsin was also going to Stone Mountain to work.

EVAN LEWIS further advised that all Klansmen should be armed when they attend meetings in a Klavern.

This source also advised on April 25, 1968, that about five Klansmen from Michigan intend to drive to Akron, Ohio, and visit JACK CRITES on Saturday, April 27, 1968, to again discuss Klan matters.

On April 29, 1968, CV T-3 advised that on April 27, 1968, six NKKKK members of unit one, Detroit, Michigan, drove by

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personally owned automobile to Akron, Ohio, to meet with JACK CRITES, NKKKK Grand Dragon of Ohio, and EVAN LEWIS, another NKKKK member from Akron, Ohio. They met at CRITES' residence, 666 Bridge Road, Akron, Ohio, and the factional dispute between the Exalted Cyclops and the Grand Dragon and Secretary of the NKKKK of Michigan was discussed. It was decided that JACK CRITES and LEWIS would personally visit Detroit, Michigan, on April 28, 1968, to settle the dispute. The six NKKKK members of Detroit, Michigan, arrived in Akron, Ohio, at approximately 10:00 a.m., April 27, 1968, and left to return to Detroit, Michigan, at approximately 6:00 p.m., April 27, 1968.

This source further advised that at 6:00 p.m., April 28, 1968, JACK CRITES, EVAN LEWIS and two other NKKKK members from Ohio, arrived in Detroit, Michigan, via the personally owned Chrysler automobile of JACK CRITES.

Meetings were held in Room 148 of the Fairlane Motel at Dearborn, Michigan (a suburb of Detroit) between the NKKKK members from Ohio and members from Michigan. DANNY MORRISON, Grand Dragon, and JAKE RONE, Secretary of the NKKKK in Michigan, voluntarily quit the NKKKK. These members were advised to do so by CRITES because he had determined that they were American Indians and Indians are not allowed in the Klan. All Klan material in their possession was returned to the NKKKK unit one, Detroit, Michigan. The meetings were over at approximately 11:30 p.m., April 28, 1968, and the source feels that the Ohio members then returned to Ohio.

On July 15, 1968, CV T-4 advised he had learned a former Chicago policeman named DONALD HEATH had recently moved to Akron where he will apparently be active in the NKKKK. HEATH is reportedly good friends with EVAN LEWIS and JACK CRITES, both of Akron, who are the only known members of the NKKKK in the area.

On July 20, 1968, Mrs. ELAINE YORK, Stone Mountain Apartments, Stone Mountain, Georgia, telephonically advised the Atlanta office of the FBI that DONALD HEATH had indicated that he had been transferred to Ohio in connection with his Klan association. YORK was uncertain of the above information but wished to bring it to the attention of the Atlanta office of the FBI.

CV T-5 on July 22, 1968, was advised of the above information and he stated he would attempt to determine the validity of the information.

On July 23, 1968, CV T-5 advised that DONALD HEATH had obtained a Hertz U-Drive-It trailer and had left on the evening of July 21, 1968, for Akron, Ohio, in order to meet with NKKKK leader EVAN LEWIS at Akron.

This source stated that JAMES VENABLE became disenchanted with HEATH around the time of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's funeral when HEATH flagrantly wore his Klan robe while at KENNEDY's funeral which was being televised. Source stated that a complete rupture between VENABLE and HEATH was brought about by a telephone call to VENABLE from a member of the NKKKK unit in Detroit, who advised VENABLE that HEATH had extracted \$50 Klan dues from over 300 Klansmen. Source stated that VENABLE confronted HEATH with this information and later banished HEATH from the NKKKK organization and stripped him of his title as the Grand Dragon for the Mid-Western states.

Source said HEATH apparently persuaded DAVID J. HARRIS, a Klan leader from the Milwaukee area who arrived at Atlanta with HEATH, to leave with him, HEATH, enroute to Akron, Ohio. Source said HEATH is married and has three children and his wife is pregnant. HARRIS is also married and has one children.

This source advised that VENABLE, upon learning of HEATH's attempt to contact EVAN LEWIS, telephonically contacted LEWIS in an effort to apprise LEWIS of HEATH's actions, specifically as to HEATH's attempts to use the Klan as a means of "lining his pockets" and also to advise LEWIS of HEATH's violent attitude and propensity for getting into difficulty with law enforcement. According to this source, VENABLE advised LEWIS to run HEATH off when he got to Akron. Source stated VENABLE was also irate when he learned that HEATH had absconded with some furniture VENABLE had given HEATH when HEATH arrived in the Atlanta area. VENABLE initially intended to obtain a warrant for HEATH but later changed his mind and now feels that it is best to have no further association with HEATH in any fashion.

On July 29, 1968, CV T-5 advised that EVAN LEWIS of Akron recently contacted JAMES VENABLE and advised that DONALD HEATH and DAVID HARRIS recently arrived in Akron and were looking for employment. Source again stated that VENABLE has banished both HEATH and HARRIS from the NKKKK.

On July 26, 1968, ROBERT MC CLUSKY, Security Officer, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, advised that DONALD HEATH had applied for a position as a security guard at Goodyear and had informed MC CLUSKY he was temporarily residing at 1038 Fairbanks Place, Akron, Ohio.

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On August 5, 1968, Mr. MC CLUSKY stated that DAVID JOHN HARRIS had applied for a position as a security guard at Good year and had furnished a temporary address of 74 Wise Street, Akron, Ohio.

MC CLUSKY advised that Goodyear has no intention of hiring either HEATH or HARRIS. He also said that both individuals, on their applications for employment, had listed JACK CRITES of Akron as a reference.

On August 6, 1968, CV T-2 advised that both HARRIS and HEATH are in contact with JACK CRITES and with EVAN LEWIS, both NKKKK members in Akron. Source advised that HARRIS and HEATH are apparently assisting CRITES and LEWIS in reactivating NKKKK activities in the Akron area.

On August 23, 1968, Captain JOHN TRAUB, Akron, Ohio Police Department, advised DONALD ROBERT HEATH and DAVID J. HARRIS, JR. had been arrested about 10:30 p.m., August 22, 1968, near the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company plant, Akron.

HARRIS, age 18, 74 Wise Avenue, Akron, was arrested in a 1962 Cadillac, Georgia license plates 2-A-16844, owned by HEATH. The car had in the back seat numerous short lengths of metal pipe with no identifying markings. A search of the vehicle by officers developed a .22 caliber automatic, Echsa LR Model, Serial Number 63540, three boxes of .22 caliber ammunition, two full clips for the automatic, a five gallon can of gasoline, several rags and lengths of twine, plus a plate with "KKK" stamped thereon and fitted on two suction cups.

HEATH, a former Chicago, Illinois, policeman and Ku Klux Klan official, was seen inside the Goodyear Company fence, but was arrested on the street following the search of the vehicle.

Both individuals were charged with suspicion and on August 23, 1968, posted \$5000 bond cash, with a hearing set for August 26, 1968. Captain TRAUB said the Goodyear Company stated they could not identify the pipe and would not press a theft complaint against HEATH and HARRIS.

The Akron Beacon-Journal, a daily newspaper printed in Akron, Ohio, for general distribution, final edition, dated August 23, 1968, carried the following article on page one:

"AKRON POLICE NAB KLAN FIGURE; WEAPONS IN CAR

"Akron police arrested two men, one a former Chicago policeman dismissed last year in a Ku Klux Klan probe, near the Goodyear plant late Thursday.

"Police said they confiscated an assortment of weapons. They said the former patrolman told them, 'You won't know what is going to happen until it's too late.'

"Charged with suspicion are former policeman DONALD R. HEATH, 31, 1038 Fairbanks pl., and DAVID JOHN HARRIS, JR., 18, of 74 Wise St. Both moved to Akron from Stone Mountain, Ga., about two months ago, Akron police said.

"Stone Mountain is the national headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, police said.

"Police made the arrests after receiving a report of a suspicious car near the Goodyear plant fence on Seiberling st. Witnesses said the car, with HEATH and HARRIS in it, stopped and HEATH was picked up by a jeep which had Goodyear markings on it.

"Police reports said HEATH and the jeep driver went into the plant area, and returned later wearing Goodyear coveralls. When police arrived, HEATH and HARRIS were in the car but the jeep and driver had gone.

"Police said they also found a pistol, 75 rounds of ammunition, a lead-filled night stick, a five gallon can of gasoline, rags and strings. The auto had a Georgia license plate.

"Police found an assortment of plumbing fixtures in the car.

"Police also found Akron, Canton, Cleveland and Niles telephone books in the car, and a small 'KKK' sign which can be mounted on a car top with suction cups.

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"While they were questioning HEATH and HARRIS in their car, police said EVAN V. LEWIS of 1053 Kevin dr., Imperial Ambassador of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Association of American, Inc., drove up and asked why the pair was being arrested. He then drove away. LEWIS tried to get the two freed on bond early today, but Municipal Judge J. P. RIDDLE decided to wait for further investigation before setting bond.

"According to news items from Chicago last December, HEATH was a six-year veteran of the force when the investigation revealed he was apparently building 'an invisible empire' of Klansmen on the Chicago force.

"Investigators named him as ringleader and apparent Grand Dragon of the Klan there. Rigles, shotguns, grenades, knives and ammunition were recovered from his Chicago apartment at the time.

"HEATH and HARRIS entered no plea in Municipal Court appearances today. Their cases were continued to 9 a.m. Monday. Bond was set at \$5,000 cash."

On August 26, 1968, Captain TRAUB advised that HEATH and HARRIS had been found guilty of the suspicion charge that morning. HEATH was fined \$50 plus costs and a 30 day suspended sentence. HARRIS was fined \$50 plus costs, with \$15 of the fine suspended, plus a 30 day suspended sentence. In addition, the .22 caliber automatic was confiscated by police.

CV T-3 on September 3, 1968, advised that a national rally of the NKKKK took place on August 31, 1968, at the foot of Stone Mountain, Georgia. The source reported approximately 250 Klansmen in attendance and among those who spoke were Imperial Wizard JAMES VENABLE, EVAN LEWIS from Ohio and JACK CRITES, the Imperial Kludd from Ohio, who urged Klansmen to use their votes to get crooked politicians out of office and if that did not work, then they should use bullets.

CV T-3 further advised that on September 1, 1968, 45 Klansmen met at the National Klan's Hall at Tucker, Georgia, for

a breakfast and series of talks by a number of state representatives. VENABLE spoke and made a plea for funds to publish the "Imperial Nighthawk," a Klan periodical.

EVAN LEWIS took the floor and asked Mr. VENABLE for a reaffirmation that the Klan would "stick by the constitution and continue to bar Negroes, Jews and Catholics from the Klan." VENABLE confirmed that the constitution would be upheld.

This same source advised that during the evening of September 1, 1968, there was a small meeting of several members of the NKKKK who had attended this two day rally. During the course of this small meeting, JACK CRITES announced that there had been a shoot-out between some Klansmen and three cars full of Negroes at Berea, Kentucky. EVAN LEWIS talked in favor of getting Klansmen who were still in the area and going to Berea to wipe out all of the Negroes in the town. LEWIS was not taken seriously by those at the meeting and the subject was dropped.

JACK CRITES inquired of the Michigan Klansmen as to how many men they had that they could depend upon to do a job or go out and do some action. EVAN LEWIS asked one of the members of the Michigan unit, "How much stuff do you have?" The member replied he had "one and one half cases of 80 per cent stuff, several caps, a quantity of fuses, several pistols, a M-1 carbine and two Spit Fires."

The source advised that CRITES stated he wanted the Detroit members to come to Akron, Ohio, in the fall so he could show them how to handle the "stuff", make grenades, and set off explosions by radio.

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CV T-6 on September 13, 1968, furnished information concerning the National Rally of the NKKKK at Stonemountain, Georgia, on August 31 - September 1, 1968. Source advised that a delegation of persons from Ohio was present at the rally, one of whom he believed to be named LOUIS EVANS. Source stated that from conversations he had with the delegation from Ohio, he was under the impression that no large Klan group had been organized but that they were interested in any size group that could organize. He said that this delegation brought a large amount of literature with them which they distributed at the rally. Source advised that one of the items of literature sets forth information that appears to compare Masonry and the B'nai B'rith, and states that both organizations are one and the same and operated by the devil.

CV T-7 on September 2, 1968, advised that on September 1, 1968, there was a meeting of several members of the NKKKK at the headquarters of the organization in Tucker, Georgia. Among those present was EVAN LEWIS from Ohio. He mentioned that DON HEATH, the former Chicago policeman, had been released from a criminal charge in Akron, Ohio.

On September 16, 1968, CV T-5 advised that TOM O'BRIEN, Imperial Kligrapp of the NKKKK, recently departed the Atlanta area where he resided on the property of JAMES VENABLE, and is presently residing in the Akron, Ohio, area. Source was unable to furnish the exact date of O'BRIEN's departure from Atlanta. Source advised that O'BRIEN made several long-distance calls to Akron, Ohio, which he charged to VENABLE's telephone bill.

JOHN HALASKA, Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised on September 26, 1968, that ROBERT LONG and DAVID JOHN HARRIS had departed Milwaukee to return to Akron, Ohio.

LONG is an associate of HARRIS and has been involved with HARRIS in Klan activity in the past. LONG was described by Detective HALASKA as a "nut", who would do just about anything HARRIS asked him to do.

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Detective HALASKA said HARRIS allegedly departed Milwaukee on the evening of September 21, 1968, possibly driving his mother's car, date and make unknown. LONG left the following night leaving his wife and children at home, 1629 North Arlington Place, Milwaukee. Detective HALASKA advised that his information indicates LONG intends to get a job in Akron and then to send for his family.

CV T-8 on October 11, 1968, advised that within the past three months, DONALD HEATH and DAVID HARRIS, SR., of Wisconsin, both moved from Stonemountain, Georgia, to Akron, Ohio. These two are both reported to be ex-NKKKK officers who were banned from the NKKKK by JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, as trouble-makers.

This source advised that HEATH is reportedly now working as a used car salesman at Market Motors, West Mogadore, Ohio, which business is owned by EVAN LEWIS. HARRIS, SR., is reportedly working as a truck driver for JACK CRITES in CRITES' sand and gravel business. HEATH and HARRIS apparently came to the Akron area merely because CRITES told them he could find them jobs in Akron. Source advised CRITES apparently attempted to get jobs for HEATH and HARRIS as security guards at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plant, but Goodyear would not hire them.

This source advised that following the severe disturbances at Akron during mid-July, 1968, a group of concerned white citizens formed the Akron Committee for White Rights, which source characterized as a non-violent organization. According to this source, CRITES, LEWIS, HEATH and HARRIS have infiltrated this group, obviously seeing an opportunity to use this group as a base for recruiting new men into the NKKKK, thereby establishing a Klavern, collecting dues from everyone and becoming a "going business".

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**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.**  
**(NKKKK)**

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and the United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 7, 1968, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 3, 1967, at a National Klonvocation in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National Office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, # 18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Cleveland, Ohio

October 17, 1968

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character	RACIAL MATTER - KLAN
Reference	Report of SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> dated and captioned as above, at Cleveland, Ohio.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Birmingham, Alabama

October 21, 1968

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"GEORGE WALLACE RALLY",  
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OCTOBER 26, 1968;  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., (NKKKK)

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The following is a summary of information furnished  
on October 17, 1968, by Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1:

National Klavern #1 of the National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK), held a regular weekly meeting at the  
Tarrant City, Alabama Klavern Hall at 7:30 p.m. on October 10,  
1968. A discussion was held at this meeting concerning plans  
for a NKKKK rally which will be called a "George Wallace Rally".  
Much of the meeting time was taken up in the construction of  
three signs to be used on the road to indicate turn points  
to the public for the "George Wallace Rally" to be held  
near Cullman, Alabama, on October 26, 1968. The rally will  
be held on a place called "The Ponderosa", which is located  
about 15 miles past Warrior, Alabama, between Warrior and  
Cullman, Alabama. This affair was originally planned for  
October 25, 1968, but the owner of the "Ponderosa", a Mr.  
(First Name Unknown) ~~held~~, assured Ralph C. ~~Rivers~~, Exalted  
Cyclops of National Klavern #1 that a larger crowd could be  
expected on a Saturday night rather than on a Friday night.  
The plans at this time are to charge an admission fee of  
\$5.00 per person. "The Ponderosa" is an establishment which  
features a cafe, a barn which is about 100 feet long, and  
about 18 acres in meadow land. Horse shows are the main  
events featured at this place. The above-mentioned owner  
of this property is a supporter of former Governor George  
Wallace for President.

This rally on the night of October 26, 1968, will  
not be held in the name of the NKKKK but rather in the name

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ENCLOSURE

RE: "GEORGE WALLACE RALLY"  
NEAR CULLMAN, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 26, 1968;

of "The Committee For Law and Order", Robert ~~Morgan~~ Morgan Chairman, Robert Morgan being identical with the late W. R. ~~Morgan~~ Morgan, a member of the NKKKK who lived in Tarrant City, Alabama. "The Committee For Law and Order" is not a permanent front and will be dropped as soon as the rally is concluded. Plans are being made for Klan literature to be circulated among the spectators. The public will be led to believe that the Klansmen putting out this literature are present as spectators and had nothing to do with putting on the rally.

A characterization of the NKKKK is set forth in the appendix of this letterhead memorandum.

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Title	"GEORGE WALLACE RALLY", NEAR CULLMAN, ALABAMA, OCTOBER 26, 1968; NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., (NKKKK)
Character	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated October 21, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 10/31/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

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Re CI let to Bureau, 9/12/68.

UACB, the semi-annual report in connection with this case will be submitted by 11/27/68.

The Agent to whom this case is assigned was on special assignment at Chicago from 9/12/68 to 10/14/68, (176-special), and will be attending In-Service Training from 11/3 - 18/68.

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Birmingham, Alabama  
October 31, 1968

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NEAR CULLMAN, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 26, 1968  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

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The following is a summary of information furnished  
by Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 on October 28, 1968:

Most of the regular weekly meeting of National Klavern #1, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was taken up with final plans for the Wallace Rally at the Ponderosa Ranch on October 26. Speakers were to be JIM ALLEN, Tom Drake, and Tom Bevil, all active in Alabama politics. Earnest Faulkner, a member of Klavern #1, was to serve as Master of Ceremonies. The owner of the Ponderosa, a certain Jim Reid, took out a full page advertisement in a Huntsville, Alabama newspaper; also a paper known as the "Alabama Democrat" was to run an advertisement pertaining to the event. Television hillbilly singer Country Boy Eddie Burns was retained to sing at the event. Also Klansman Donald Fortenberry is a musician and he and his band were scheduled to appear. This is about the largest event that has been attempted by the Klan in recent times and the affair is not advertised under the name of the Klan but under the name of the "Committee For Law and Order". Three thousand circulars advertising the event were printed. These circulars were printed by Davis Printing Company and cost Klavern #1 the sum of \$28.00. The rest of the expenses are to be paid if enough money is forthcoming from the five dollar gate charge. Country Boy Eddie Burns is charging \$300.00. The full page advertisement taken out by Reid costs in excess of \$200.00. Nothing has been paid except for the circulars.

After the meeting the circulars were delivered in Tarrant. The remainder of the circulars are to be distributed in Birmingham, Warrior, Cullman, and other towns near Birmingham.

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ENCLOSURE

RE: GEORGE WALLACE RALLY  
NEAR CULLMAN, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 26, 1968

The following information was received from  
T-1 on October 29, 1968:

There were nine members of National Klavern #1, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK), present at the Ponderosa Ranch on October 26, 1968. This rally was held under the cover name of the "Committee for Law and Order." Notable speakers were present such as Jim Allen, candidate for U. S. Senate from Alabama. Publicity was given out by newspaper, circular, television, and word of mouth. The cause publicity wise was excellent, the location was good. The affair was a dismal failure. It was a case of a successful operation and a dead patient. Although about fifty persons were present, only \$35.00 was collected at the gate. Jim Allen and other speakers were present but on account of the slim attendance some left without speaking. Country Boy Eddie did not even bother to unpack his musical instruments. Only Don Fortenberry and his band played. The owner of the Ponderosa had bought about \$500.00 worth of food to sell. Reid had stated to several of the Klansmen that he was getting a road to the Ponderosa paved in connection with the affair although he did not explain how except he hinted it would be through "politics". Reid did not seem unduly concerned over the failure of the event.

The affair was over by about nine o'clock and featured nothing other than an inside square dance. Some of the Klansmen were of the opinion that the five dollar charge kept the public away from the affair but no certain conclusion is evident as yet.

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Birmingham, Alabama  
October 31, 1968

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Character	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated October 31, 1968, at Birmingham.

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## REFERENCES:

Report of SA  dated 4/4/68, at Cincinnati.  
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this Klan organization.

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Synopsis: CI T-1 advised as follows: PARKIE SCOTT and 7 Klan associates met on SCOTT's farm at Oregonia, Ohio, 4/9/68 and burned a small cross. Nothing of importance took place during this meeting. SCOTT arrested 4/19/68 and placed in custody Warren County Jail, Lebanon, Ohio to begin serving 30 day sentence in connection with his previous conviction during 12/66; SCOTT also fined \$50.00; on 5/22/68 SCOTT released after his wife paid fine in full; however, as result of his arrest he was fired from his job at Chrysler Airtemp, Dayton, Ohio. All charges dismissed 6/26/68 against the 5 Klansmen arrested during 8/67 by Lincoln Heights, Ohio PD. SCOTT reportedly received at least \$600 in donations from sympathetic individuals to assist him financially in connection with costs of SCOTT's court action and subsequent incarceration. JAMES VENABLE reportedly promised SCOTT a position with the Klan in Atlanta, Georgia if he would move from Ohio to Atlanta. SCOTT's decision regarding this offer is unknown. Four meetings held at Loveland Park Association, Loveland, Ohio between 4/7/68 and 10/13/68; these meetings held mainly for purpose of socializing and discussing schemes to raise funds. Six to eight individuals were in attendance at each meeting. Current evaluation of NKKKK status in Southern Ohio as follows: 12 to 18 hard-core members; financial situation is bleak; leadership is inadequate with organizational ability; cooperation among members and future potential rated poor.

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Characterizations of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc., and the United Klans of America, Inc., are contained in the appendix of this report.

A. GENERAL ACTIVITIES, FINANCES AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

PARKIE SCOTT and seven Klan associates met on SCOTT's farm at Oregonia, Ohio, about 9:30 PM, April 9, 1968. At approximately 11:30 PM, a small cross was burned on SCOTT's farm property and as far as activities were concerned, the group mainly socialized while drinking and eating. Nothing of real importance took place, except SCOTT continued to discuss his serious financial problems in connection with his recent court action concerning his arrest which took place during December, 1966.

(CI T-1, April 10, 1968)

PARKIE SCOTT was arrested at his place of employment, Chrysler Airtemp Corporation, Dayton, Ohio, during the evening of April 19, 1968 and placed in custody in the Warren County Jail, Lebanon, Ohio, to begin serving his 30 day sentence as a result of a recent conviction. In addition, SCOTT was ordered to pay a fine of \$500 resulting from this same conviction.

(CI T-1, April 22, 1968)

On Sunday, April 7, 1968, seven individuals met for a dinner at the Loveland Park Association, Loveland, Ohio, which dinner was held as a fund raising venture led by WALTER HUFF, to assist in financing the operation of this park association.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

This dinner involved nothing more than a social gathering and very little money was collected.

PARKIE SCOTT's recent conviction in Warren County, Ohio, Court has severely hurt him financially and it is understood that he and his wife are not working at the present time. SCOTT continues to "cry the blues" and complain that his connection with Klan activities has cost him thousands of dollars. The

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situation continues pretty much the same, that is, the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) in Southern Ohio is not organized and every man appears to be caring about only himself.

(CI T-1, May 1, 1968).

On May 21, 1968, PARKIE SCOTT's wife, DOROTHY, secured his release from the Warren County, Ohio, Jail as a result of paying his fine in full. There is a good possibility that SCOTT will be fired from his job at Chrysler Airtemp Corporation, Dayton, Ohio, as a result of his conviction and connection with Klan activities.

(CI T-1, May 24, 1968).

PARKIE SCOTT has been permanently fired from his job with the Chrysler Airtemp Corporation as a result of his recent arrest and incarceration due to Klan activities.

(CI T-1, May 31, 1968).

The five Klansmen who were arrested during December, 1967 by the Lincoln Heights, Ohio, Police Department, charged with Posting Bills without a permit, finally appeared before Judge WILLIAM MATTHEWS, Hamilton County Municipal Court, on June 26, 1968.

At this time, authorities from the Lincoln Heights Police Department requested another continuance which was denied by Judge MATTHEWS. Judge MATTHEWS then immediately dismissed charges against five Klansmen, pointing out the Lincoln Heights authorities had no valid case.

(CI T-1, June 27, 1968)

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

PARKIE SCOTT and LIN SMITH have been in rather close association lately and from all indications, SCOTT is using SMITH to "front" for him as the leader of the NKKKK in Southern Ohio.

More than one Klansman has remarked that if SMITH is actually the Grand Dragon of Ohio, he would activate an executive board so that further aims and objectives and policies could be set up to operate the Klan in Ohio.

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As the situation remains at present, there is no evidence to verify that SMITH is actually the Grand Dragon of Ohio.

( CI T-1, July 10-11, 1968)

It was reported that PARKIE SCOTT has received at least \$600 in donations from unknown individuals to assist him in financing court fees and appeals in connection with his recent conviction. Specifically, on June 8, 1968, SCOTT traveled to Post Office box 175, Oregonia, Ohio and collected \$79 in donations that date.

SCOTT and LIN SMITH are close friends and there is good reason to believe that SCOTT is using SMITH to "front" for him, thus allowing SCOTT to stay in the background and still run things.

(CI T-1, June 17, 1968).

WALTER HUFF continues to hold summer meetings at the Loveland Park Association, Loveland, Ohio, about once a month. HUFF's group is definitely operating independently and there is no doubt that HUFF became involved with the Klan only to "line his own pockets".

(CI T-1, July 22, 1968).

~~MEMBER OF SUPERIOR ORGANIZATION~~

PARKIE SCOTT was in contact with JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, NKKKK, in the vicinity of Atlanta, Georgia, on July 18, 1968. At that time, VENABLE promised SCOTT a job if he would move from Ohio to the Atlanta, Georgia, area. SCOTT's decision in regard to this is not known at this time.

(CI T-1, July 25, 1968).

WALTER HUFF has held four meetings at the Loveland Park Association from April 7, 1968 to October 13, 1968, with six to seven individuals being present on each occasion. These meetings involved eating, drinking, discussions and schemes to raise funds to perpetuate the park association.

PARKIE SCOTT is now employed as a bartender at the Handle-Bar, a beer joint and restaurant located on the corner of Patterson and Woodmont Avenues, Dayton, Ohio.

(CI T-1, November 1, 1968).

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A current evaluation of the NKKKK in Southern Ohio had indicated there are approximately 12 to 18 hard-core members. The Klan's financial situation is considered to be bleak. Leadership is inadequate; organizational ability and cooperation among members is rated as poor and the Klan's future potential in Southern Ohio is also considered poor.

Recruiting by the United Klans of America (UKA), which is led by ROBERT SHELTON with headquarters at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is hurting the NKKKK's future potential in Ohio and there is no question that he and the members of the NKKKK have changed their affiliation to the UKA, Inc.

(CI T-1, November 20, 1968).

A P P E N D I XNATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
OF OHIO, INC. (NKKKK)

On October 8, 1964, Karen Crabtree, Clerk, Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, State of Ohio, advised public records from this office indicate a charter was granted the NKKKK of Ohio on October 5, 1964, by the State of Ohio. The charter was filed under Certificate Number 10194, and the Corporation Number is 334111.

The purpose of the corporation is to operate as a realm organization within the State of Ohio and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. Second, to promote patriotism toward the civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, love among ourselves, liberty, justice and patriotic association for the mutual benefit of all mankind.

The incorporation papers were signed by Flynn R. Harvey, Grand Dragon. Flynn R. Harvey, 418 Josephine Drive, Columbus, Ohio; William K. Smith, 3482 Maple Grove Drive, Grove City, Ohio; and Bobby J. Stephens, 2973 Reaver Avenue, Grove City, Ohio, are the corporation trustees.

On October 23, 1964, Frederick W. Lentz, Corporation Counsel, State House, Secretary of State's Office, State of Ohio, advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.'s charter granted October 5, 1964, was revoked October 22, 1964, for the official reason that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan organization was on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list. Mr. Lentz said the actual purpose for revocation of the charter was not because the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list but because it was felt the existence of a state granted charter would encourage the Klan to make the claim it was "state sanctioned" and therefore entirely legitimate.

In actuality, the Ku Klux Klan and not the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On May 22, 1968, a source of the Cincinnati FBI Office advised Parkie Scott continues to be organizer and recruiter for above Klan organization in Southern Ohio.

## A P P E N D I X

### UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with unites in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klanvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.



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Report of: SA WILLIAM J. WINCHESTER      Office: Detroit, Michigan  
Date: November 29, 1968

Field Office File #: 157-1116      Bureau File #: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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Synopsis:

National office of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) is located in Tucker, Ga., and the national leader is JAMES R. VENABLE. Michigan realm of NKKKK has only one unit under the leadership of LEROY TUNGATE, who is the Exalted Cyclops, of this unit and considered the top ranking NKKKK officer in the State of Mich. Michigan realm has no headquarters as such, but the residence of JAMES BURWELL, Secretary of the only unit in Mich., at 7430 Edward Street, Detroit, Mich. is used as the Michigan headquarters and P.O. Box 5387, Dearborn, Mich., is considered the mailing address. NKKKK aims are the promotion of white supremacy, segregation of the races and election of conservative political candidates such as GEORGE WALLACE, who ran for the presidency of the United States. Informants advise the Michigan realm, NKKKK, meets twice monthly at Watkins Coffee Shop, 19100 Joy Rd., Detroit, and their primary objectives are the recruitment of new members into the Michigan organization. Available information concerning estimated membership and other pertinent activities of the Michigan Realm is set forth.

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DETAILS:

The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will hereafter be referred to as NKKKK.

A characterization of the NKKKK, as well as the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, are contained in the appendix attached hereto.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE MICHIGAN REALM, NKKKK

A. Headquarters

DE T-1 on November 15, 1968, and DE T-2 on November 21, 1968, both advised that the national headquarters of the NKKKK is located in Tucker, Georgia, and the Imperial Wizard of this Klan is JAMES R. VENABLE.

Informants state that the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, has no headquarters in Michigan as such, but that the Secretary of this unit, JAMES BURWELL, who resides at 7430 Edward Street, Detroit, Michigan, receives and handles the mail. The Michigan Klan also maintains Post Office Box 5387, Dearborn, Michigan, which is considered their mailing address.

B. Charter Information

DE T-2 on May 9, 1968, advised that on May 6, 1968, the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK filed a Certificate of Co-Partnership #121113 in the State of Michigan, County of Wayne, which partnership is to be operated under the name, United Supporters of America with the business address 7430 Edward Street, Detroit, Michigan. Individuals included in this partnership are LEROY TUNGATE, Exalted Cyclops, JAMES BURWELL, Secretary, and RICHARD J. CROLEY, also known as JAKE CROLEY, who is Klokdard of the Michigan unit.

It is to be noted that this was filed on April 26, 1968.

DE T-2 on May 12, 1968, advised that on May 9, 1968, the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, received the charter from the

national headquarters of the NKKKK on February 24, 1962, as an authorized unit of the NKKKK. This charter was signed by the Imperial Wizard, JAMES R. VENABLE and attested to by THOMAS O'BRIEN, Imperial Kligrapp. 63 57 75

C. Objectives

DE T-1 on November 15, 1968, and DE T-2 on November 21, 1968, both advised that the objectives of the NKKKK are the promotion of white supremacy, segregation of the races and to work politically for conservative candidates such as they did in the last national election for GEORGE WALLACE in his campaign for presidency of the United States.

Informants state the primary objectives of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, are to recruit new members into their organization.

D. National and State Officers

DE T-2 advised on November 21, 1968, that JAMES VENABLE, Tucker, Georgia, is the Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK.

DE T-2 further advised that the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK has no state officers as such and they no longer have a Grand Dragon. Informant states that there is only one unit of the NKKKK in the State of Michigan and the Exalted Cyclops of this unit, LEROY TUNGATE, is considered the highest officiating officer in the State of Michigan.

E. Michigan Realm, NKKKK, Activities

DE T-1 on March 11, 1968, advised that on March 10, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, Unit #1, NKKKK, met at Watkins Coffee Shop, 19100 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan.

According to informant, 19 individuals were in attendance at this meeting and for the most part, this meeting consisted of a discussion by Exalted Cyclops TUNGATE into the Book of Koran.

DE T-2 on April 2, 1968, advised that on March 31, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at 8609 Stahelin, Detroit, Michigan.

According to informant, this meeting was called in view of the fact that the Michigan Klan had received a letter from JAMES VENABLE, to the effect that DANIEL MORRISON, Grand Dragon for the Michigan Realm, and JAKE RONE, Secretary for the Michigan Realm, were to be banished from the membership of the NKKKK. According to informant, both RONE and MORRISON were banished in view of the fact that they were of Indian ancestry and were not eligible for Klan membership.

DE T-1 on April 23, 1968, and DE T-2 on April 25, 1968, both advised that on April 21, 1968, a meeting of the NKKKK was held at 8609 Stahelin, Detroit, Michigan.

According to informant, JAMES BURWELL was elected as the new secretary of this unit and he was instructed to go to the former secretary, JAKE RONE's residence, and obtain all Michigan Realm, NKKKK records and property in view of the fact that RONE was no longer considered secretary.

DE T-1 on April 29, 1968, and DE T-2 on May 2, 1968, both advised that on April 28, 1968, a meeting of Unit #1 of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at room 48 at the Fairlane Motel, Dearborn, Michigan. JACK CRITES, NKKKK Grand Dragon from Ohio, and EVANS/LEWIS, identified as a Klan member from Akron, Ohio, was in with those at this meeting.

CRITES stated it has been determined that both JAKE RONE, Secretary for the NKKKK, and DANIEL MORRISON, Grand Dragon, had been requested to resign because, he, CRITES, had determined that they were American Indians and Indians are not allowed in the Klan.

According to informant, JAMES BURWELL, the new secretary for the Michigan group, has a bank account at the National Bank of Detroit, Branch 17, located at Vernor and Springwells, account #20124-46, which account is under the name of the United Supporters of America with the address 7430 Edward Street, Detroit, Michigan.

DE T-1 on May 17, 1968, advised that on May 12, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at Watkins Coffee Shop, Detroit, Michigan.

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According to informant, it was suggested at this meeting that a letter should be directed to the national headquarters of the Klan in Georgia to inform the national group that the Michigan Realm did not need any more literature at the present time as they had too much on hand.

According to informant, a collection was taken up to be given to one of the Klan members in partial payment for the money he had spent out of his own personal funds used to buy an American and Confederate flag and accessories for use in the meetings.

DE T-1 on June 18, 1968, and DE T-2 on June 19, 1968, both advised that on June 16, 1968, a meeting was held at Watkins Coffee Shop and that for the most part this meeting consisted of the initiation of new members and the practicing of the ritual of initiation.

DE T-2 on July 26, 1968, advised that on July 22, 1968, the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK had received a letter from JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, dated July 22, 1968, Tucker, Georgia.

According to informant, this letter from VENABLE informed the membership that DONALD HEATH had been banished from the Invisible Empire for violation of his Klan oath and conduct unbecoming a Klansman. *ILL. M.*

Informant stated that HEATH is a suspended Chicago, Illinois, policeman who was formerly one of the leaders of the NKKKK and was head of all Klan operations in several Midwest states, which included Michigan.

DE T-1 on August 28, 1968, and DE T-2 on August 28, 1968, both advised that on August 25, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at Watkins Coffee Shop, Detroit, Michigan.

It was announced at this meeting that anyone who misses two meetings in a row without a valid excuse will be fined \$5.00 and may be asked to resign.

It was announced that Exalted Cyclops TUNGATE and his wife plan to go to the national meeting of the NKKKK to be held at Stonemountain, Georgia, over Labor Day weekend of this year.

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DE T-1 on October 10, 1968, advised that on September 29, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at Watkins Coffee Shop.

Informant states that most of the meeting was a discussion on the necessity of recruiting new members and that this unit was in dire need of desirable Klansmen.

It was also announced that at the first meeting of this unit in December, 1968, an election of new officers for this unit will be held.

DE T-1 on October 18, 1968, advised that on October 13, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at Watkins Coffee Shop, Detroit, Michigan.

In view of the fact that only four members attended there was very little business conducted, but a discussion was held in an effort to determine the reason members were not attending regularly.

#### F. Acquisition of Weapons and Firearms

DE T-2 on May 14, 1968, advised that on May 12, 1968, a meeting of the NKKKK was held at Watkins Coffee Shop, which meeting was attended by 10 individuals.

According to informant, one of the members displayed an advertisement for a Spitfire, .45 caliber rifle, which will shoot 30 times without reloading and resembles the Thompson sub-machine gun.

According to informant, this member remarked that he had bought this gun for \$150.00 and that with a little work on the sear pin, it can be made to fire fully automatic.

DE T-2 advised on May 27, 1968, that on May 18, 1968, ~~BILL~~ HALL, 3404 15th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan, a member of the NKKKK in Michigan, stated he possesses a Spitfire Semi-Automatic Rifle manufactured by the Spitfire Manufacturing Company, Phoenix, Arizona. Informant advised that this is a .45 caliber weapon, bearing Serial Number 3430, and that HALL also possesses two 30 round magazines for this weapon.

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DE T-2 further advised that another NKKKK member, Mr. THOMAS A. SUTTON, 1953 Buckingham, Lincoln Park, Michigan, also owns the same type weapon, but has filed the sear down thus converting this weapon to a full automatic. The source advised that these weapons were purchased from TONY (last name unknown) who has since obtained a Federal Firearms License and probably would not sell any more of these weapons without a purchasing permit.

DE T-2 on July 23, 1968, advised that on July 21, 1968, at a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, held at 3404 15th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan, BILL HALL displayed a Spitfire Semi-Automatic Rifle, .45 caliber, which he boasted that he had already converted to fully automatic. HILL also displayed an M-1 carbine with 15 round clips of hollow point ammunition.

HALL, at this meeting, stated that he knows a gun dealer in Prestonburg, Kentucky, that has told him, HILL, that he did not care how many Federal laws were passed, he was still going to send guns to whom he pleased.

DE T-2 on September 3, 1968, advised that on September 1, 1968, during the national rally of the NKKKK held at Stonemountain, Georgia, a discussion was held between various Klan members from the various states represented. Informant states that BILL HALL of the Michigan Realm indicated that he was in possession of "1½ cases of 80 per cent stuff (dynamite), as well as several caps, fuses, two Spitfire rifles, as well as an M-1 .30 caliber carbine, and pistols.

JACK CRITES, Imperial Klud from Ohio, told the group he wanted Detroit members to come to Akron, Ohio, in the future so he could show them how to handle the stuff and make grenades and how they could set off explosives by radio.

## II. MICHIGAN REALM, NKKKK

### A. Klavern Location

DE T-1 on November 15, 1968, and DE T-2 on November 21, 1968, both advised that the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK at the present time has only one unit in the Michigan area and that this unit meets twice monthly at Watkins Coffee Shop, 19100 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan.

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Informant further advised that this Michigan unit of the NKKKK at the present time has 11 to 12 members in good standing and several members who are delinquent in the payment of their dues.

B. Identity of Officers

DE T-2 on November 21, 1968, advised that the following are officers of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK:

LEROY TUNGATE  
Exalted Cyclops

TOM SUTTON *mic*  
Klalliff

JAKE CROLEY -  
Klokard

BEN COLLINS *mic*  
Kludd

JAMES BURWELL  
Kligrapp

ROBERT STATES *mic*  
Kladd

VESS HILL *mic*  
Klarogo

WILLIAM WYNN *mic*  
Night Hawk

C. Activities of Klavern

DE T-1 on November 15, 1968, and DE T-2 on November 21, 1968, both advised that the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, primary concern at the present time is with the circulation of Klan literature in an effort to enlarge its membership through the recruiting of qualified members.

Informants state that the leadership of the Michigan Realm has told the membership to avoid any form of violence and the members are told to obey the laws and promote their objectives through peaceful means.

Informants further advised that they know of no illegal acts sponsored by the Klan and known of no incidents of cross burning or acts of intimidation by members or leaders of the Klan. Informants state the only illegal act that comes to their attention is the fact that BILL HALL converted a Spitfire rifle, .45 caliber automatic, into a full automatic, which is a violation of the National Firearms Act.

#### D. Meetings

DE T-1 and DE T-2 between March 10, 1968, and October 18, 1968, advised that the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK held at least 19 Klan affairs between the dates March 10, 1968 and October 13, 1968.

It is to be noted that the above-mentioned Klan meetings for the most part were all closed, secret meetings, open only to Klan members in good standing.

#### E. Public Rallies and Demonstrations

DE T-1 on November 15, 1968, and DE T-2 on November 21, 1968, both advised to date that the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, has held no public rallies or demonstrations.

### III. FINANCES

DE T-1 on April 29, 1968, advised that on April 27, 1968, the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, has initiation fees which are \$25.00, \$5.00 for the local, \$5.00 for the state, and \$15.00 to the national organization.

According to informant, the dues are \$50.00 per year, payable quarterly, and identified as follows:

\$20.00 local  
\$10.00 state  
\$20.00 national

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DE T-2 advised on October 3, 1968, that at a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, held on September 29, 1968, the Secretary of the unit gave a financial report and stated that as of that date, the unit had \$111.65 in the treasury.

#### IV. PUBLICATIONS AND PAMPHLETS

DE T-1 on November 15, 1968, and DE T2, on November 21, 1968, both advised that at the present time the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, does not publish any newspaper or any form of propaganda. According to informants, the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, receives all its literature from the national headquarters in Tucker, Georgia. The main part of the literature received is "The Imperial Night Hawk", described as the official publication of the NKKKK.

MICHIGAN REALM, NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

On January 22, 1968, a source advised that the Michigan Realm, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was formed and commenced activity in Michigan during 1968. On May 17, 1968, this source advised that the Michigan Realm has no headquarters; but meets bi-monthly at Watkins Coffee Shop, 19100 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan, and utilizes Post Office Box 5387, Dearborn, Michigan, 48128, as a mailing address.

Source states DANIEL MORRISON, Grand Dragon for the Michigan Realm, was recently expelled and at the present time, no one has been elected or designated as Grand Dragon for Michigan.

Source advised May 17, 1968, the Michigan Realm, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is subordinate to and receives its instructions and guidance from the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tucker, Georgia, which is headed by Imperial Wizard JAMES VENABLE.



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The following names are submitted to the Bureau for indexing purposes in connection with captioned organization. Identifying information available to the Atlanta Office concerning each of these individuals is set out. This list may include corrections in the spelling or in other instances may be spelled differently from that previously furnished to the Bureau.

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Member of NKKKK, [redacted]  
Age [redacted] son of [redacted] who  
is a member of this same klan group

RAMSEY, HUBERT

Member NKKKK, Barnesville, Ga.

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825PM URGENT 1-3-69 JRW

(157-168)

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA (157-60)

FROM DALLAS (105-275) P

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM (KLAN); OO: ATLANTA.

TODAY, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DALLAS PD, ADVISED THAT ABOVE CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION ALLEGEDLY HOLDING RALLY AT DALLAS, TEXAS, JANUARY FOUR NEXT, SEVEN THIRTY PM, AT THE HOLIDAY INN MOTEL, INDUSTRIAL AVENUE, AND THAT JAMES R. VENABLE, IMPERIAL WIZARD, NKKKK, SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. RESERVATIONS MADE AT THE HOLIDAY INN UNDER THE NAME FOR NKKKK OF "CONSECRATED CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE CLUB".

USA, MIG, OSI, NISO, AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADVISED. DALLAS SOURCES ALERTED.

AIRTEL AND LHM FOLLOW.

ADMINISTRATIVE: LEADS:

ATLANTA SUTEL DALLAS MODE OF TRANSPORTATION OF JAMES R. VENABLE IF KNOWN, AND OTHER PERTINENT DETAILS.

~~CORR: BUFILE NO. SHOULD BE (157-168)~~

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11:44 PM URGENT 1-3-69 JWE

TO DIRECTOR (157-168) AND DALLAS (105-275)  
FROM ATLANTA (157-60)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM (KLAN); OO: ATLANTA.

RE DALLAS TEL JANUARY THREE SIXTYNINE.

ATLANTA SOURCE ADVISES JAMES R. VENABLE IS EXPECTED TO  
LEAVE ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE TWO THREE FROM ATLANTA JAN. THREE,  
ARRIVING DALLAS ONE FORTYSIX A.M., JAN. FOUR SIXTYNINE. VENABLE  
WILL PROBABLY BE MET BY CHARLES NEVILLE, FURTHER DESCRIPTION NOT  
KNOWN BY SOURCE. VENABLE WILL ATTEND RALLY OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZA-  
TION. NEVILLE BELIEVED BY SOURCE TO BE ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE  
KLAN GROUP IN DALLAS WITH NO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING.

ATLANTA WILL ADVISE IN EVENT OF UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES  
BECOMING KNOWN.

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1142XXXX1142 PM DEFERRED 1-4-69 JAH

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA (157-60)

FROM DALLAS (105-275)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM (KLAN) OO ATLANTA

A MEETING OF ABOVE ORGANIZATION TOOK PLACE JAN. FOUR INSTANT  
AT SUN VALLEY MOTEL, HIGHWAY SEVEN SEVEN SOUTH, DALLAS COUNTY,  
TEXAS WITH SIXTEEN PERSONS PRESENT. MEETING SPONSORED BY CONSECRATED  
CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

JAMES R. VENABLE, ~~IMPERIAL~~ IMPERIAL WIZARD, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
INTRODUCED BY CHARLES W. NEVILLE, DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO PROCLAIMED  
HIMSELF GRAND DRAGON OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK OF TEXAS.  
VENABLE PROCLAIMED THAT THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS DID NOT WANT TO DISOBEY  
ANY LAWS AND WOULD END RACE-MIXING THROUGH THE POWER OF THE BALLOT.

THE MEETING BROKE UP AT ABOUT TEN P.M. NO ARRESTS, INCIDENTS,  
INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYTEL JAN. THIRD LAST

USA, MIG, OSI NISO, USSS, ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (105-275) (P)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM (KLAN)

OO: ATLANTA

Remytels dated January 3, 4, 1968.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to Atlanta, one copy each to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio for information. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished United States Secret Service, Dallas, and 112th MIG, Dallas; and one copy of the LHM is being furnished to the USA, Fort Worth, Texas, OSI Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and NISO, New Orleans, Louisiana.

SOURCES

DL T-1 - [redacted] Dallas. PD.

DL T-2 - [redacted] contacted 12/5/68 at Birmingham.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)  
2 - Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 2) (RM)  
1 - El Paso (Enc. 1) (RM) (info)  
1 - Houston (Enc. 1) (RM) (info)  
1 - San Antonio (Enc. 1) (RM) (info)  
3 - Dallas (2 - 105-275)  
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AGENCY: ACSL, [redacted], SEC [redacted]

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HOW FORW: [redacted]

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Approved: [signature]  
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The following individuals were notified of the contents of the LHM on the dates and times noted:

R. L. WEAVER  
112th MIG, Dallas  
1/3/69 at 6:00 P.M.

A. B. CONOLEY  
112th MIG, Dallas  
1/4/69, 9:58 P.M.

KENDALL ROGERS  
OSI, Dallas  
1/3/69 6:08 P.M.  
1/4/69 10:04 P.M.

FORREST V. SORRELS  
U. S. Secret Service  
Dallas, 1/3/69 6:20 P.M.  
1/4/69 10:08 P.M.

ANDREW BARR  
AUSA, Dallas, Texas  
1/3/69 at 6:23 P.M.  
1/4/69 at 10:15 P.M.

A. C. SULLIVAN  
NISO, Dallas  
1/3/69 at 6:33 P.M.  
1/4/69 at 10:12 P.M.

Deputy CLARENCE JONES  
Dallas County Sheriff's Office  
Dallas, Texas  
1/3/69 6:35 P.M.  
This agency covered rally 1/4/69

Dallas following.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas  
January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) appears in the appendix section of this communication.

On January 3, 1969, DL T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that above captioned organization was allegedly planning to hold a rally at Dallas, Texas, on January 4, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. at the Holiday Inn Motel, Industrial Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, and that James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard, NKKKK, was scheduled to speak. DL T-1 advised reservations had been made at the Holiday Inn under the name "Consecrated Christian Conservative Club."  
*SUBJECT ORGANIZATION*  
*AKA JAMES*

On January 4, 1969, DL T-1 advised that an organization known as the Consecrated Christian Conservative Club held a meeting at the Sun Valley Motel, Route 77 South, Dallas County, Texas, adjacent to De Soto, Texas, on January 4, 1969, beginning at 7:30 P.M. DL T-1 advised that this meeting was in effect a meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan which has its national headquarters at Tucker, Georgia.

DL T-1 stated that this meeting was held as scheduled, attended by sixteen persons, four women and twelve men. The meeting was opened by Charles W. Neville who introduced himself as the Grand Dragon of the NKKKK in Texas. Neville in turn introduced James R. Venable as the Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK from Atlanta, Georgia.

James R. Venable spoke until approximately 9:15 P.M. during which time he proclaimed that the NKKKK would obey all laws and would not tolerate violence among its members. Venable stated that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was against race mixing and the black mongrel race, however they would act to clean up the mess in Washington, D. C. by the ballot.

DL T-1 said that Charles Neville said the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would be active in Texas to clean up the mess in Washington, D. C. but would do so through Democratic processes.

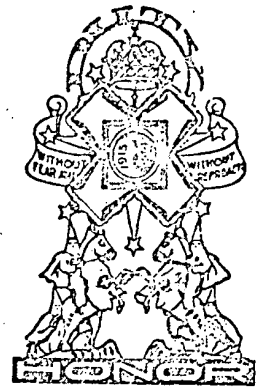
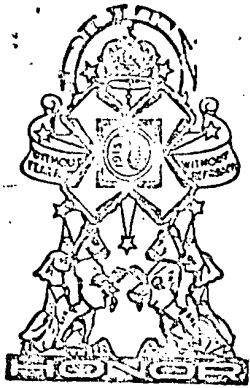
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ENCLOSURE 157-168-956

## NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

The following two page statement of aims and purposes of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan as well as an application for citizenship in the Invisible Empire of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Association of America were passed out to persons present at the meeting:

The Most Sublime Lineage in All History  
Commemorating and Perpetuating as it does  
the Most Dauntless Organization Known to Man



NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN

Imperial Office  
Invisible Empire

P.O. Box 107

Tucker, Georgia, 30084

Dear Patriot:

As your humble leader and representative of your organization, I request that in the future the following requests be fully abided by:

(1) That all public rallies and cross-lighting, sponsored by the Knights of The Ku Klux Klan, shall be attended by Klansmen robed and masked if the State permits same. No Klansman shall go upon public or private property in the capacity as a Klansman with any type of weapon that is a violation of the law of that State.

(2) That no Klansman shall distribute, circulate, or print any literature unless it is first approved by the National Headquarters. As soon as every Klansman realizes that we will get nowhere by distributing hate literature, we can build a Klan. Until we build a strong Klan, we will not be able to accomplish our goals.

(3) That initiation dues for all Klansmen, if accepted, are \$15.00; Annual dues are \$15.00; Ladies initiation dues are \$12.00; Annual dues are \$12.00. One-half of this is to be sent to the National Headquarters; one-half kept by the local Klaverns; Reinstatement of Klansmen is \$7.50. The reason half of this money must be used by the National Headquarters is that we need lots of printed matter for the Klaverns as well as for the alien world which will run approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000. We need at least \$300.00 a month to print the Imperial Nighthawk, the Klan's newspaper. We have phone and utility costs, office rent, and postage, which I have paid out of my own pocket for the past five years. When we get money in the treasury then more money will be left for the local as well as the State operations to pay these expenses.

(4) All monies and donations must be accounted for and itemized in writing, and sent to the National Headquarters. Receipts and vouchers must be kept of all expenses and itemized lists sent to the National Headquarters. This must be done in order to protect the Klan for tax return purposes. No Klansman will be permitted to draw a salary until we are financially able to employ them full time.

(5) All paraphernalia on robes and masks must be of uniform standard approved by the Imperial Office.

(6) No Klansman will be permitted to picket or parade unless cleared by the National Office and authorized or permitted by the local authorities.

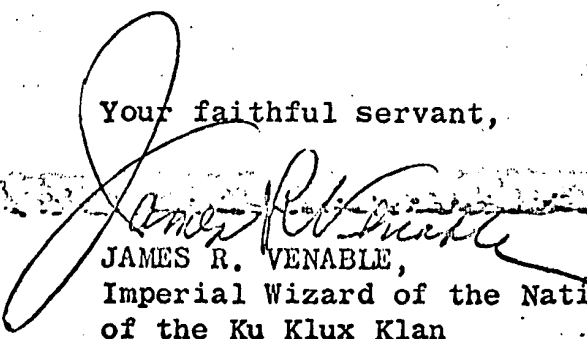
(7) No Klansman or Klan group will be permitted to harrass, threaten, or interfere with any race, color, or creed, because of the Federal Civil Rights Laws, as well as many of the State and City Laws of the land. No Klansman or Klan group shall violate any Federal, State, County or City laws--To do so will subject him to banishment.

(8) You must always remember that the National Knights of The Ku Klux Klan is a secret, patriotic, fraternal organization, and you owe first your allegiance to your God, second to your country, third to your family, and fourth to this organization; and that your salvation, as well as this organization will depend on your conduct and ~~your efforts to use the ballot boxes and boycott to accomplish our~~ aims.

(9) That every application for membership should be thoroughly investigated to determine if the applicant is a native-born white, of the Christian faith, and of good moral character.

I remain,

Your faithful servant,

  
JAMES R. VENABLE,  
Imperial Wizard of the National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan



APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP  
IN THE  
INVISIBLE EMPIRE  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



National Headquarters  
Tucker, Ga. P.O. Box 107, Area Code 404  
Phone 938-5921

I, the undersigned, a native born, true and loyal citizen of the United States of America, being a white person of temperate habits, sound in mind and a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion, the maintenance of White Supremacy and the principles of a "pure Americanism," do most respectfully apply for membership in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Association of America.

I guarantee on my honor to conform strictly to all rules and requirements regulating my "naturalization" and the continuance of my membership, and at all times a strict and loyal obedience to your constitutional authority and the constitution and laws of the fraternity, not in conflict with the constitution and constitutional laws of the United States of America and the states thereof.

If I am accepted as a Klansman and prove untrue or violate my oath as a Klansman, I will willingly resign my membership in writing received by me from any of my superior officers. I further certify that I am not, nor have I ever been a member of the communist party. I know that I owe allegiance first to my God, second to my country, third to my family and last, but not least, to this organization.

This is to certify that I donated the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, the required "klectokon" to the propagating fund of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Association of America.

Signed.....Applicant

Residence Address.....

Business Address.....

Phone.....

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN

P. O. BOX 17195  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75217

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

DL T-1 advised that Charles Waylon Neville was until recently a Kligrapp in the United Klans of America unit at Mesquite, Texas, when he was asked to resign because of his militant policies.

A characterization of the United Klans of America appears in the appendix section of this memorandum.

On December 5, 1968, DL T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Charles Waylon Neville had been requested to resign from the United Klans of America unit at Mesquite, Texas, and was allegedly connected with a Klan group headed by James Venable, Atlanta, Georgia.

Charles Waylon Neville is described as follows:

*AKA CHARLES CHARLES W. NEVILLE*  
*See Sec. #* [redacted]  
Race White  
Sex Male  
Born [redacted]  
Height 6'  
Weight 185 pounds  
Hair Dark brown  
Eyes Brown  
Complexion Olive  
Address 2531 South Buckner Boulevard  
Dallas, Texas  
Occupation Neville Carpet Service  
Same address  
Telephone EV 1-0733  
Relatives Mother-Verdie Nell Hull Neville  
Route 1  
Lyndon, Texas  
Father-Orvis Neville *MRT MRS*  
Route 1  
Lyndon, Texas  
Sister-Marsha Lynn Neville  
Same Address  
Former wife-Anda Jean Neville  
and daughter [redacted]  
born [redacted]

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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There were no arrests, injuries, or property damage as a result of this rally.

The following agencies were notified of the contents of this memorandum January 3, 4, 1969:

United States Attorney  
Dallas, Texas

United States Secret Service  
Dallas, Texas

Naval Investigative Service Office,  
Dallas, Texas

Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Army  
Dallas, Texas

112th Military Intelligence Group,  
Dallas, Texas

Dallas County Sheriff's Office  
Dallas, Texas

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(UNITED KLANS)  
STATE OF TEXAS ORGANIZATION

A source advised in January, 1965, efforts to organize the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in Texas began in late 1964. Source advised in December, 1965, the first slate of state officers was elected December 10, 1965.

A second source advised in March, 1966, Jack Edward Cannon, Beaumont, Texas, was elected Grand Dragon, Realm of Texas, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, on March 20, 1966, and established State Headquarters at his residence in Beaumont, Texas.

Source advised during August, 1966, Jack Edward Cannon, Grand Dragon, Realm of Texas, announced August 3, 1966, he had received five charters for klaverns in Texas from Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton, United Klans of America, Inc., National Headquarters, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

A third source advised in August, 1967, that under the direction of Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton, the Realm of Texas, United Klans of America, Inc., held an election at Woodville, Texas, on August 27, 1967. Charles Dolese, Lufkin, Texas, was elected Grand Dragon and has established state headquarters at his residence in Lufkin, Texas.

Source advised in August, 1967, the United Klans of America, Inc., Realm of Texas, is subordinate to and receives its instructions and guidance from National Headquarters, United Klans of America, Inc., Tuscaloosa, Alabama, which is headed by Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and the United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1963, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the klaverns of the U. S. Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

DATE: 2/7/69

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-895) (C)

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM-KLAN  
(OO: ATLANTA)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP8 ujt/fet

Re Chicago airtel to Atlanta dated 2/5/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. This LHM is being disseminated to the United States Attorney, and U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Referenced Chicago airtel included as enclosures 11 EC copies of information set forth in attached LHM for inclusion in Atlanta report.

All information relating to NKKKK activities at Chicago has previously been submitted in a form suitable for dissemination.

The Chicago Office is closing instant case, however, contact is being maintained with sources and case will be promptly re-opened in the event any activities on the part of the NKKKK at Chicago occur.

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CHI~~ SEC SER

DEPT ISD: CRD

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- Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
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CG 157-895

Sources utilized are as follows:

CG T-1 is [redacted] location A) [redacted].

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CGT-2 is [redacted]  
Division, Chicago PD, orally to SA [redacted]  
on dates indicated (Protect requested).

CG T-3 is [redacted]  
[redacted] who resigned from the Chicago PD on  
[redacted]

DCGT-4 is [redacted]  
PD, who was [redacted]  
Chicago, 1967- early 1968. Orally to [redacted]  
[redacted] on dates indicated (protect requested).

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CG T-5 [redacted]

CG T-6 is [redacted],  
Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] and  
other [redacted] (Protect  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 7, 1969

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DATE 8-30-88 BY SP803/jet

THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
April 11, 1968, captioned as above.

A characterization of NKKKK is attached hereto.

On January 27, 1969, CG T-1, who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised that the Chicago  
branch of the NKKKK is defunct and has been defunct since  
mid-March, 1968, when Donald R. Heath, former Grand Dragon  
of the Illinois NKKKK, vacated NKKKK Headquarters at 1149  
West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

CG T-1 further advised on January 27, 1969,  
that the Chicago branch of the NKKKK does not now have  
any members, money, or status, nor has it had any since  
April, 1968, when Heath left Chicago and moved to Atlanta,  
Georgia.

CG T-2, who has furnished reliable information  
in the past, advised on January 27, 1969, that there are  
no known members of the NKKKK at Chicago or in the Chicago  
area at this time.

CG T-3, with whom insufficient contact has been  
had to determine reliability, but who is in a position to  
be acquainted with NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois, advised on  
May 18, 1968, that all NKKKK activities at Chicago, which  
occurred in early 1968, were directed by Donald R. Heath.

CG T-3 stated on May 18, 1968, that when Heath  
left Chicago in April, 1968, all individuals formerly  
associated with the NKKKK disaffiliated themselves from  
the NKKKK.

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ENCLOSURE

RE: THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

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CG T-3 also advised on May 18, 1968, that Heath, a former Chicago police officer, and other Chicago police officers, who were fired from the Chicago Police Department in 1968, represented the total membership of the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois.

CG T-3 estimated the total membership of the NKKKK at Chicago in early 1968, was approximately 8 to 10 members.

CG T-3 also advised on May 18, 1968, that extensive adverse publicity in Chicago's news media in early 1968 concerning the NKKKK was possibly responsible for complete demise of the NKKKK in Chicago.

CG T-4, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, but who was formerly associated with the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois, advised on January 17, 1969, that no recruiting for the NKKKK has been conducted in the Chicago area since Heath's departure from Chicago in April, 1968.

CG T-1, CG T-2, and CG T-4 all advised on January 27, 1969, that there are no known members of the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois, at this time.

On June 29, 1968, CG T-1 advised R. E. ~~X~~Carlock, 4639 West Race Street, Chicago, Illinois, appeared on a television discussion program at Muskegon, Michigan, on June 21 and June 22, 1968. Carlock was introduced on television as the leader of the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois.

CG T-1 stated on June 29, 1968, that Carlock indicated to him that he had told the television producer at Muskegon, Michigan, that he was the leader of the NKKKK at Chicago, knowing it was not true but in an effort to gain stature for himself.

CG T-1 further advised on June 29, 1968, that Carlock had filled out an NKKKK application in December, 1967, at the request of Donald R. Heath. CG T-1 stated that other than the initial meeting with Heath, Carlock has not had any association with the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois, or elsewhere.

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CG T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 27, 1968, that he is acquainted with the NKKKK activities in the Muskegon, Michigan, area and Carlock is unknown to him.

CG T-2, CG T-3, and CG T-4, all advised on June 29, 1968, and on January 27, 1969, that Carlock is not associated with any NKKKK activities in Chicago or elsewhere. All advised of belief that Carlock's mental capacities are such that he would possibly have a membership in the NKKKK at Chicago, if there was any NKKKK activities or organizations in the Chicago area.

CG T-6, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, but who is an acquaintance of Heath and other former Chicago police officers, who were members of the NKKKK at Chicago in early 1968, advised on October 30, 1968, that there are no officers or members in the NKKKK at Chicago. CG T-6 stated the NKKKK ceased to function in Chicago in March or April, 1968, when Heath departed the Chicago area.

CG T-1, CG T-2, and CG T-4, all advised on January 27, 1969, that there have been no meetings, gatherings, or demonstrations in the Chicago area since Heath's departure in early 1968. All sources further advised that neither Heath nor any other members of the Chicago branch of the NKKKK had ever held any gatherings or meetings in the Chicago, Illinois, area at any time.

The above information is being furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago  
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Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group,  
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)-CHICAGO

In December, 1967, a source advised that DONALD R. HEATH, 2055 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was Illinois Grand Dragon for NKKKK. This source stated HEATH had indicated he was attempting to organize a NKKKK branch at Chicago, which would subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the national organization of the NKKKK.

In early January, 1968, a second source advised DONALD R. HEATH, Illinois Grand Dragon, NKKKK, and WILLIAM HARVEY PLOGGER, 2340 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, were NKKKK leaders at Chicago.

The second source also stated in early January, 1968, that HEATH and PLOGGER, Chicago police officers, along with six other Chicago police officers, were suspended by the Chicago Police Department on December 28, 1967, because of their association with NKKKK activities in Chicago.

The first source advised in April, 1968, that HEATH had moved from Chicago and all activity of the NKKKK at Chicago had ceased with his departure.

The second source and a third source advised in May, 1968, that NKKKK activities at Chicago were non-existent. These sources both indicated HEATH's attempt to recruit members into the NKKKK at Chicago prior to his departure from the city was futile.

On May 26, 1968, the above three sources and a fourth source advised NKKKK does not have an organization at Chicago, Illinois, or anywhere in Illinois. All sources indicated belief attempts would again be made to organize a NKKKK branch at Chicago in the future.

APPENDIXNATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
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A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A fourth source advised in July, 1968, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard.

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Rerep of SA JAMES J. ROSE dated  
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For information of the Bureau Atlanta,  
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Synopsis: National headquarters of the NKKKK is located at Tucker, Georgia, JAMES R. VENABLE, Atlanta, Ga., Imperial Wizard. NKKKK has recently discontinued publishing "The Imperial Nighthawk"; this publication purportedly merged with "The Thunderbolt", NSRP periodical. Sources report klaverns of NKKKK located at Barnesville, Georgia; Tarrant City, Alabama; Detroit, Michigan; and Loveland, Ohio, with membership totalling approximately 50 active klansmen. In addition, Consecrated Christian Conservative Clubs, said to be in effect the NKKKK, met in Dallas County, Texas, 1/4/69, with 16 persons present, JAMES R. VENABLE being principal speaker. Current klan organizations reported to be affiliated with NKKKK are Association of Georgia Klans, Association of South Carolina Klans, California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and United Florida Ku Klux Klan. Pertinent information re these groups set forth.

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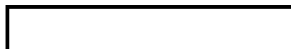
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PART A

INFORMATION RELATING TO NATIONAL  
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A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) is included in the Appendix Section of this report.

# I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## A. Headquarters

Headquarters of the NKKK is located in the Carl Garmon Building, Idlewood Road and Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia.

(AT T-1, 2/17/69)

## B. Charter Information

A meeting of the NKKKK was held at the National Headquarters at Tucker, Georgia, September 6, 1964, at which meeting JAMES R. VENABLE announced to the group that he had incorporated the NKKKK and he stated it is being operated as a separate Klan, the same as the other Klans having membership in the National group.

(AT T-2, 9/16/64)

The NKKKK was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, on November 1, 1963, under the name of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK).

## C. Objectives

The NKKKK was chartered as a patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order.

In December of 1963, the NKKKK issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

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**D. National Officers**      MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The NKKKK has two national officers. They are JAMES R. VENABLE, an Atlanta attorney, who is Imperial Wizard, and Mrs. J. M. FOSTER, who heads the Ladies Auxiliary of the NKKKK. CANIF

(AT T-1, 2/17/69)

TOM O'BRIEN, formerly of Los Angeles, California, and then editor of the NKKKK newspaper, known as "The Imperial Nighthawk", was designated by JAMES R. VENABLE as the Imperial Kligrapp of the NKKKK prior to the end of July, 1968.

(AT T-3, 7/30/68)

However, as indicated hereinafter in this report, O'BRIEN discontinued said publication and, in September, 1968, was reported to have left the State of Georgia and to have become affiliated with a group other than the NKKKK.

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~~DONALD ROBERT HEATH~~  
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E. Activities of National Organization

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~~DONALD HEATH~~, former Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer, and then recently appointed Imperial Grand Dragon of the NKKKK in the mid-West, arrived in the Atlanta area prior to May 6, 1968, and took up residence at the Stone Edge Apartments, Lilburn Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia, with one DAVID JOHN HARRIS, SR., reported Grand Dragon of the NKKKK in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

(AT T-1, 5/6/68)

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Sometime in early June, 1968, DONALD HEATH was apprehended by the DeKalb County Police Department for assault with intent to commit murder with a gun. The above charge was predicated upon HEATH's argument with and subsequent assault upon a neighbor for the neighbor's alleged running over of HEATH's dog. HEATH became so infuriated by the incident that he went to his neighbor's apartment, where he engaged in a scuffle with the neighbor. He suffered a knife wound and subsequently returned to the neighbor's home with a gun. It was further ascertained that, during the nationally televised funeral services for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, HEATH reportedly dressed in his klan robe and paraded up and down the hallways of his apartment house in defiance of KENNEDY and the principals he advocated. HEATH's actions so infuriated the residents of the apartment complex that they made this fact known to JAMES R. VENABLE, and VENABLE subsequently had words with HEATH. Concerning his actions,

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VENABLE verably instructed HEATH not to wear his robe in public again as by doing so, he would embarrass the NKKKK and VENABLE.

(AT T-1, 6/17/68)

On June 20, 1968, MELBA BARTON, clerk, Identification Division, DeKalb County Police Department, stated that records of said department show HEATH was arrested on June 9, 1968, on a charge of assault and battery with intent to commit murder with a gun. HEATH reportedly told arresting officers that he was a member of the klan, and, if they did not do something about the killing of his dog, the klan would.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

HEATH and the individuals with whom he became involved in the street fight and assault subsequently dropped charges against one another, and the matter was then dropped by the DeKalb County Police Department. ILL

DAVID J. HARRIS 326 W. Broadway  
(AT T-1, 7/8/68) Waukegan, Wisconsin  
DAVID J. HARRIS

DONALD HEATH and DAVID JOHN HARRIS, SR., OHIO obtained a rented trailer and left the Atlanta area on the evening of July 21, 1968, for Akron, Ohio, allegedly to meet with NKKKK leader EVANS LEWIS, at Akron. JAMES R. VENABLE had apparently become disenchanted with HEATH because of his activities, as described above and due to the fact that JIM BURRELL, who is associated with the NKKKK at Detroit, advised VENABLE that he, HEATH, had obtained \$50 klan dues from over 300 klansmen. VENABLE confronted HEATH with the information concerning klan dues collected and totally banished DONALD HEATH and HARRIS from the NKKKK organization, stripping HEATH of his title as Grand Dragon for the mid-West states.

(AT T-1, 7/23/68)

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The NKKKK held its annual rally in a pasture at the foot of Stone Mountain in Stone Mountain, Georgia, on the evening of August 31, 1968. Approximately 300 persons gathered in a drizzling rain to hear speakers from Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Louisiana, and Tennessee. A large cross about 30 feet to 35 feet tall was burned and approximately 40 to 50 robed klansmen participated in the cross burning ceremony.

JAMES R. VENABLE acted as master of ceremonies. In his talk, he denounced Communists, as well as both national political parties and Congress, and described integration as a Communist-inspired plot to destroy the nation.

TOM O'BRIEN, editor of "The Imperial Nighthawk", talked about the paper and its need for additional subscribers and funds.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

ROBERT CREEEL, introduced as the Grand Dragon of the NKKKK in Alabama, spoke mainly in support of the candidacy of GEORGE WALLACE for President.

Other klan officials also gave talks, and JASON KERSEY, Grand Dragon of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan, was introduced.

Campaign material of the GEORGE WALLACE for President movement was sold to the crowd, this material including bumper stickers, buttons, and similar items.

The crowd was orderly and there were not any incidents of violence.

(AT T-3, AT T-5, and  
AT T-7, 9/3/68; AT T-4,  
9/4/68; AT T-6, 9/2/68)

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A characterization of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) is attached as an appendix to this report.

A meeting of approximately 45 to 50 klansmen, including a delegation from the State of Ohio, was held at NKKKK Headquarters, Tucker, Georgia, at nine a.m., on September 1, 1968, this being the morning after the annual Stone Mountain klan rally. Breakfast was served, and there were talks made by several persons including JAMES R. VENABLE, who made a plea for funds to continue publishing "The Imperial Nighthawk," most of the speakers discussing ways and means of electing GEORGE WALLACE as President of the United States, and the problem of recruiting new members.

(AT T-6, 9/2/68;  
AT T-7, 9/4/68)

TOM O'BRIEN, who had been editing "The Imperial Nighthawk", departed Atlanta in September, 1968, to go to Ohio.

(AT T-1, 9/16/68)

As of January, 1969, ~~THOMAS EDWARD O'BRIEN~~ <sup>Thomas Edward O'Brien</sup> JA, described as a former aide to Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE of the NKKKK, had left said klan organization, S.C. is residing in the State of Ohio, and has become affiliated with a group of "right wingers" there.

~~Thomas Edward O'Brien~~  
(AT T-8, 12/68 and  
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## II. FINANCES

The NKKKK has no bank account. JAMES R. VENABLE personally finances the operation of the national offices of the NKKKK. As of February, 1969, an account in the name of "The Imperial Nighthawk" remained open at the Citizens and Southern Bank at Stone Mountain, Georgia, same having a balance of \$15.25. However, VENABLE plans to close this account, which was recently utilized in the publication of said "The Imperial Nighthawk" by TOM O'BRIEN.

(AT T-1, 2/17/69)

III. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

On April 24, 1968, AT T-4 furnished Volume LXVIII, Number Three, copy of the NKKKK newspaper, "The Imperial Nighthawk," which is described on its masthead as being edited by TOM O'BRIEN and as being owned, published, and operated by the NKKKK at Box 111, Stone Mountain. This issue contained, among shorter anti-Communist, anti-Negro, anti-integration, and anti-administration articles:

1. A lengthy anti-Semitic editorial entitled, "Jews Planned Destruction of Germany in 1933; Jew Cash Corrupts Our Leaders, Jew Press Corrupts Our Minds".

2. An anti-Semitic reprint from "St. Michael's News", Zarephath, New Jersey, Rev. MARIAN PALANDRANO -- editor and publisher -- entitled "Jews Take Over Catholic Church".

3. A four-page anti-Semitic reprint from the "National Christian News", issue Number One, 1968, written and published by Dr. OREN FENTON POTITO, Ocala, Florida, same entitled "The Germans". This article extols ADOLPH HITLER, and names "the Jew" as "the real enemy".

This newspaper contained an urgent appeal for funds with which to continue publication of "The Imperial Nighthawk".

AT T-4 furnished on June 25, 1968, the Volume LXVIII, Number Four issue, of "The Imperial Nighthawk". This issue contains among other things:

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1. The headline "The Pope is a Jew", with an article alleging that Jews have dominated the Vatican since 1878.

2. An article entitled "Warning From the Florida Klan", same said to have been submitted by the United Florida Ku Klux Klan, Post Office Box 736, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The article concerns "Proposed Legislation To Pass Unconstitutional Firearm Laws", specifically pointing to bills "number 51592 and HR 6783 (the Dodd-Murphy bills)", and alleges that never in the history of the United States of America has it been so important for the citizens to uphold the second article of the Bill of Rights, which states "a well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

This article sets forth the alleged provisions of said proposed legislation, contends that this legislation, if passed, would begin a program of gradual restricting private ownership of firearms, leading to the confiscation of all private arms, thereafter leaving citizens unarmed and unable "to protect himself, his family and home against any personal danger, either from a criminal, invading enemy soldier, or an agent of a political conspiracy.

3. An article written by JAMES R. VENABLE which sets forth a history of the klan, then ends as follows:

"The world, and particularly the people of the United States of this generation, does not understand the purpose of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, why it was created in 1865 and re-born in 1915. Because its enemy, the Roman Catholic, the Jew, the Negro, certain

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Protestant ministers, and most of our news media, have preached that the Klan is a 'hate organization,' a 'violent organization' which is not true. A true Klansman is a Christian human being who took an oath to uphold the laws of the land and to protect our Constitution and the flag from disgrace; and to always uphold and advocate to the world that and to always uphold and advocate to the world that the white race is supreme over all races.

"The desire and purpose of Colonel William Joseph Simmons was to create educational and religious institutions throughout this great nation, and to inculcate in our young generation these great principles of always protecting America and its people from the world common enemy the Jews, the Atheists, the Communists, and the Socialists, -- and that the white man would ever rule this great nation. His great efforts and the movement started by him in the re-birth of the Klan was hampered by the enemy within his organization, and in the near future we will set out its reasons and its purposes, and how he was betrayed from within and why he was persecuted and how the Klan was stolen by the enemy."

4. An article written by JAMES R. VENABLE entitled "Ku Klux Klans, Its Problems, Its Programs, Its Purposes", which points out that the "white American people" are now at war in which the sole issue to be decided is whether or not the purity of the white Caucasian race will continue to exist. It stated that assaults upon the white Christians are financed and led by "brown-race Asiatic Communist Jews whose sole loyalty is to World Jewism and to Israel;" that the klan has already saved America from "a Mulatto citizenship" once, and stands ready to do it again; and points out why race-mixing cannot be accepted by "white Christians".

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This article professed that the klan does not hate, that the klan is not anti-Catholic, is not anti-Negro, and is not anti-foreign, but is pro-American.

The "klan demands" as set forth in this article are as follows:

"The Klan will never cease its resistance until every Unconstitutional Act passed by every Legislative body has been repealed and repudiated.

"The Klan welcomes to our land as it always has done those splendid members of the Nordic Anglo-Saxon, the Teutonic, the Gallic races, all classed as White Caucasian. But The Great Melting Pot of our citizenry was never meant to be a Garbage Can from the scum of Central Europe and Asia which numbers the bulk of the Slavics and the Anti-Christians. The Klan demands the expulsion of more than 8 millions of these latter peoples who are here illegally, with full reinstatement and enforcement of our ancient Immigration Laws.

"The Klan demands immediate repeal of the National Banking Act called the Federal Reserve, and the return of our money into the hands of the U. S. Government instead of those of private banker users by whom we are now swindled of over 12 Billions annually in interest on the National debt.

"The Klan demands the Congress exercise its full powers under the Constitution in removing all Appellate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in all matters pertaining to Education and Religion, leaving those issues to the Supreme Courts of the States.

"The Klan demands complete repeal of all Foreign Aid that are not bona fide security loans at interest to any foreign power and complete withdrawal from the body of the United Nations, with its removal from United States territory."

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"The Klan demands complete repeal of all Civil Rights enactments as Unconstitutional and Communistic, having no place in a free society of free ment with freedom of choice in their associations in all things.

"The Klan demands the immediate repeal of the Communications Act of 1934 and the removal of those limited broadcasting frequencies of nature which belong to all people, being gifts of God like the sunshine, from the hands of any one religious group, in particular any group classified as non-Christian.

"The Ku Klux Klan is determined to become once again the dominant political force in our glorious country.

"Above all things, the Klan pledges to its every member an unswerving program of Americanism, solely under the Constitution, with public condemnation of any public official who will dare to propose any act not in strict conformity to that previous document and the Flag of our Country which solely represents it.

"Finally, the Klan will demand stricter laws for the removal of any holder of an office of public trust of law enforcement who dares to deviate from the role of public servant and usurps the role pf public master. We, the people, are the sole masters of this America and its Government.

"The death knell of the Police State, the Welfare State, Communist State, the Alien State has struck in this Constitutional Republic. We, the Protestant Christian citizens, will never harm nor oppress any Minority Groups in the free exercise of their beliefs. But we warn them never to try again to force us to conform to those beliefs, through a treasonous Juciciary if they are alien or

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unconstitutional.

We are taking back our Country -- politically, legally, socially and economically and religiously and financially. All who don't like it--GET OUT! All who can qualify to the requirements of this splendid heritage of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan--COME IN!"

As of October, 1968, TOM O'BRIEN had discontinued publication of the NKKKK newspaper, "The Imperial Nighthawk" and was residing at 666 Bridge Road, Akron, Ohio. He had arranged for subscribers of said klan periodical to receive copies of "The Thunderbolt" in its place.

(AT T-1, 10/11/68)

"The Thunderbolt" has been self-described as the "official Racial Nationalists organ of the National States Right Party".

A characterization of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) is attached as an appendix to this report.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

A newsletter dated in November, 1968, signed by EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director of the NSRP, announced that "The Imperial Nighthawk" had merged into the Thunderbolt". Ohio

(AT T-4, 12/2/68)

The newsletter contained a copy of the letter from TOM O'BRIEN, editor of "The Imperial Nighthawk", which letter reads as follows:

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"Being editor of the Imperial Nighthawk has been an experience I will long remember. A combination of problems has made it impossible to continue. I have found Dr. Edward R. Fields a fearless crusader who is not afraid to print the truth in the Thunderbolt regardless of the powerful forces which seek to suppress all such journals. The organization it supports has many sterling leaders and is active from coast to coast. After much meditation, I came to the conclusion that I could best serve our cause by merging the Imperial Nighthawk with the Thunderbolt. I feel confident that this will continue our participation in the fight to save America from Godless Communism. I wholeheartedly endorse the wonderful work of the Thunderbolt and I pledge to keep working to strengthen and unite our cause. Giving our fullest possible support to the Thunderbolt is the most effective way I know of to accomplishing our common goals for Christ and nation."

On January 25, 1969, JAMES R. VENABLE, directed a letter to Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS protesting the alleged merger of the two above mentioned publications. VENABLE advised FIELDS that TOM O'BRIEN had no authority to authorize the merger and requested FIELDS correct the impression that the two papers had merged with the approval of VENABLE.

TOM O'BRIEN had furnished the list of subscribers to "The Imperial Nighthawk" to Dr. FIELDS "a few months ago" and had given his approval for the mailing of "The Thunderbolt" to said subscribers. VENABLE, in his letter to FIELDS, admitted the similar aims of the NKKKK and the NSRP, but said he felt they could not work together, and indicated that he, VENABLE, does not desire to be identified with any facet of the NSRP.

(AT T-1, 1/26/69)

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of a statement setting forth certain codes of conduct and operation, as well as some of the policies of the NKKKK, as distributed at Dallas County, Texas, by NKKKK Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE on January 4, 1969, is as follows:

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PART B

INFORMATION RELATING TO STATE  
ACTIVITIES OR MEMBER ORGANIZA-  
TIONS OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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### I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) does not have a State organization in Georgia separate from the National Headquarters, which is located at Tucker, Georgia.

(AT T-1 on 2/17/69)

### II. KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

#### A. Name and Location of Units

As of May, 1968, it was reported that the Tucker, Georgia, unit of the NKKKK had not held a meeting since February, 1968.

(AT T-9, 5/24/68)

The NKKKK established a unit at Thomaston, Upson County, Georgia, on May 26, 1968, the unit to be called the Upson County Klavern Number Three. The unit met at the residence of one TOM MARSH, 141 G Circle, Thomaston, elected officers, and was reported to be receiving a charter from Imperial Headquarters shortly after being established.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

(AT T-10, 6/11/68)

The Upson County Klavern Number Three met with the Barnesville unit at Barnesville, Georgia, on June 30, 1968, and was to be presented its charter by Imperial Wizard VENABLE; however, VENABLE did not put in appearance.

(AT T-10, 7/2/68)

As of November, 1968, the Upson County Klavern Number Three had not met for several months and was said

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to be completely disbanded. Members of this klavern who were still active were meeting with the Barnesville unit.

(AT T-10 and  
AT T-11, 11/14/68)

AT T-1 said on February 17, 1969, that the NKKKK unit at Hartwell, Georgia, and the unit at Tucker, Georgia, have not met in many months. AT T-10 and AT T-11 confirmed on February 13, 1969, that the Tucker unit has been defunct for several months, that the only active group of the NKKKK in Georgia is the Barnesville unit.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The Barnesville unit of the NKKKK has, during the past year, had weekly meetings scheduled regularly on Sunday morning at one a.m., meeting held on the property of klansman GENE MITCHELL, located in a rural wooded section of Lamar County, near Barnesville. Meetings are generally attended by from three to eight klansmen, and are not officially opened on many occasions due to the small number of klansmen in attendance.

Eugene MITCHELL

(AT T-10 and  
AT T-11, 4/68 to  
2/69)

B. Identity of Officers

At a meeting of the Barnesville unit of the NKKKK, December 22, 1968, the following listed klansmen were elected as officers to serve for the calendar year 1969:

Exalted Cyclops  
Klaliff  
Kligrapp  
Klabee

~~MAX MITCHELL~~  
~~ROBERT BROOKS~~  
ROBERT BROOKS  
ROBERT BROOKS

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Kludd  
Kladd  
Kbokard  
Klorogo  
Klexter  
Klokann  
Nighthawk

~~JOHNNY TEAL~~  
~~TRAVIS R. HARVEY, JR.~~  
~~PETE LUMPKIN~~  
~~DEANIE CLAY~~  
~~TOM CLAY~~  
~~VERLIN COGGINS~~  
~~EUGENE MITCHELL~~

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(AT T-10, 1/22/69)

C. ACTIVITIES OF KLAVERNS

Klavern meetings are generally nothing more than "bull sessions" according to AT T-10 and AT T-11, and the klansmen have not become involved in any outside activity. On several occasions during recent months, klansmen have reported hearing noises outside the klavern building during meetings, and of seeing movement in the adjacent area during the early morning hours of darkness and have fired random shots. On one occasion, it was said that there was return fire, according to these sources.

At a klavern meeting held on January 19, 1969, those in attendance discussed the possibility of a race war and decided to obtain a detailed map of that area so they can study the roads to become familiar with them in order that they will not get "hemmed in" if a war does start.

(AT T-11, 1/28/69)

D. MISCELLANEOUS

As of December, 1968, the Barnesville Klavern had about twelve members. The unit has no bank account and, as of December 22, 1968, had approximately

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\$24 in its treasury.

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On January 13, 1969, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised there is only one Klavern of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan operating in Alabama and that is National Klavern #1, Tarrant City, Alabama. T-1 advised that there are less than 10 active members of this Klavern. T-1 said this Klavern has been meeting weekly since April, 1968, when it was formed out of the membership of Confederate Klavern #14, United Klans of America. T-1 said that since April, 1968, National Klavern #1 has held two or three public rallies which have been poorly attended and ineffective.

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**A characterization of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), is attached as an appendix to this report.**

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**ILLINOIS**

## Chicago Unit

### A. Name

In mid-December, 1967, CG T-1 advised DONALD R. HEATH, 2055 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, identified himself as the Grand Dragon of the Illinois NKKKK. HEATH stated he was attempting to recruit members for NKKKK at Chicago.

### B. Location

CG T-1 advised January 27, 1969, that the Chicago branch of NKKKK is defunct and has been defunct since mid-March, 1968, when HEATH vacated NKKKK headquarters at 1149 West Addison Street, Chicago. CG T-1 stated Chicago NKKKK does not have any members, money, or status since April, 1968, when HEATH moved to Atlanta, Georgia.

### C. Membership; Recruit Activities

CG T-2 advised on January 27, 1969, that there are no known members of the NKKKK in Chicago, or the Chicago area, at this time. CG T-2 stated all NKKKK activities ceased when HEATH left the Chicago area in March or April, 1968. CG T-3 advised on May 18, 1968, that NKKKK activities at Chicago, were solely decided by DONALD R. HEATH. CG T-3 stated when HEATH departed Chicago, April, 1968, all individuals formerly associated with the NKKKK disaffiliated themselves from the NKKKK.

CG T-3 further advised that HEATH, a former Chicago police officer, and other Chicago police officers, who were fired from the Chicago Police Department (PD) in March, 1968, represented the total membership of the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois. CG T-3 estimated total membership of NKKKK at Chicago in early 1968, to be 8 to 10 members.

CG T-3 stated extensive adverse publicity in Chicago news media in early 1968 concerning the NKKKK was probably responsible for complete demise of NKKKK at Chicago.

CG T-4 advised on January 17, 1969, that no recruiting for the NKKKK has been conducted in the Chicago area since HEATH's departure from Chicago, in April, 1968. CG T-4 stated no NKKKK activity at Chicago at this time or since early 1968, prior to HEATH's departure from Chicago.

CG T-1, CG T-2, and CG T-4, all advised on January 27, 1969, that there are no known members of the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois.

#### D. Officers

CG T-1, CG T-2, and CG T-4, all advised on January 27, 1969, the NKKKK does not have an organization or officers in Chicago or the state of Illinois.

On June 29, 1968, CG T-1 advised R.E. CARLOCK, 4639 West Race Street, Chicago, Illinois, appeared on a television discussion program at Muskegon, Michigan on June 21 and 22, 1968. CARLOCK was introduced on television as the leader of the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois.

CG T-1 stated on June 29, 1968, that CARLOCK indicated he told the television producer at Muskegon, Michigan he was the leader of the NKKKK at Chicago, knowing it was not true but in an effort to gain stature for himself.

CG T-1 further advised on June 29, 1968, that CARLOCK had filled out a NKKKK application in December, 1967 at DONALD R. HEATH's request. But other than the initial meeting with HEATH, CARLOCK has not had any association with the NKKKK at Chicago, Illinois or elsewhere.

CG T-5, who is acquainted with NKKKK activities in the Muskegon, Michigan area, advised on June 27, 1968, that CARLOCK is unknown to him.

CG T-2, CG T-3, and CG T-4, all advised on June 29, 1968, and on January 27, 1969, that CARLOCK is not associated with any NKKKK activity in Chicago, or elsewhere. All sources advise of belief that CARLOCK's mental capacities are such that he would probably have a membership in the NKKKK at Chicago, if there was any NKKKK activities or organization in the Chicago, area.

CG T-6 advised on October 30, 1968, that there were no officers for the NKKKK at Chicago.

CG T-6 stated the NKKKK ceased to function in March or April, 1968, when HEATH departed the Chicago area.

E. Public Gatherings, Meetings, and/or Demonstrations

CG T-1, CG T-2, and CG T-4, all advised on January 27, 1969, that there have been no meetings, public gatherings, or demonstrations in the Chicago area since HEATH's departure in early, 1968. All sources advised that neither HEATH or any other members of the Chicago branch of NKKKK had ever held any public gatherings or public meetings in the Chicago, Illinois, area at any time.

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Michigan NKKKK

A characterization of the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF MICHIGAN NKKKK

A. Headquarters

DE T-1 on January 30, 1969, and DE T-2 on January 31, 1969, both advised that the National Headquarters of the NKKKK is located in Tucker, Georgia, and the Imperial Wizard of this organization is JAMES VENABLE.

Informants stated the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK does not have Headquarters as such and the Michigan Branch uses Post Office Box 5387, Dearborn, Michigan, 48128, as its mailing address.

B. Charter

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

DE T-2 on May 9, 1968, advised that on May 6, 1968, the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK filed a Certificate of Co-Partnership #121113 in the State of Michigan, County of Wayne, which partnership is to be operated under the name, United Supporters of America with the business address 7430 Edward Street, Detroit, Michigan. Individuals included in this partnership are LEROY TUNGATE, Exalted Cyclops, JAMES BURWELL, Secretary, and RICHARD J. CROLEY, also known as JAKE CROLEY, who is Klokard of the Michigan Unit.

JAKE CROLEY

It is to be noted that this was filed on April 26, 1968.

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DE T-2 on May 12, 1968, advised that on May 9, 1968, the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, received the charter from the National Headquarters of the NKKKK on February 24, 1968, as an authorized unit of the NKKKK. This charter was signed by the Imperial Wizard, JAMES R. VENABLE and attested to by THOMAS O'BRIEN, Imperial Kligrapp.

C. Objectives

DE T-1 on January 30, 1969, and DE T-2 on January 31, 1969, both advised that the objectives of the NKKKK are the promotion of white supremacy, segregation of the races and to work politically for conservative candidates such as they did in the last national election for GEORGE WALLACE in his campaign for the Presidency of the United States.

D. National and State Officers

DE T-2 advised on January 31, 1969, that JAMES VENABLE, Tucker, Georgia, is the Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK.

DE T-2 further advised that the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK has no state officers as such and they no longer have a Grand Dragon. Informant stated that there is only one Unit of the NKKKK in the State of Michigan and the Exalted Cyclops of this Unit, LEROY TUNGATE, is considered the highest officiating officer in the State of Michigan.

E. Michigan Realm, NKKKK, Activities MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

DE T-1 on March 11, 1968, advised that on March 10, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, Unit #1, NKKKK, met at Watkins Coffee Shop, 19100 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan.

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According to informant, 19 individuals were in attendance at this meeting and for the most part, this meeting consisted of a discussion by Exalted Cyclops TUNGATE into the Book of Koran.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

DE T-2 on April 2, 1968, advised that on March 31, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at 8609 Stahelin, Detroit, Michigan.

According to informant, this meeting was called in view of the fact that the Michigan Klan had received a letter from JAMES VENABLE, to the effect that DANIEL MORRISON, Grand Dragon for the Michigan Realm, and JAKE RONE, Secretary for the Michigan Realm, were to be banished from the membership of the NKKKK. According to informant, both RONE and MORRISON were banished in view of the fact that they were of Indian ancestry and were not eligible for Klan membership.

DE T-1 on April 29, 1968, and DE T-2 on May 2, 1968, both advised that on April 28, 1968, a meeting of Unit #1 of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at Room 48 of the Fairlane Motel, Dearborn, Michigan. JACK CRITES, NKKKK Grand Dragon from Ohio, and EVANS LEWIS, identified as a Klan member from Akron, Ohio, was in with those at this meeting.

CRITES stated it has been determined that both JAKE RONE, Secretary for the NKKKK, and DANIEL MORRISON, Grand Dragon, had been requested to resign because he, CRITES, had determined that they were American Indians and Indians are not allowed in the Klan.

According to informant, JAMES BURWELL, the new Secretary for the Michigan group, has a bank account at the National Bank of Detroit, Branch 17, located at Vernor and Springwells, Account #20124-46, which account is under the name of the United Supporters of America with the address 7430 Edward Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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DE T-2 on July 26, 1968, advised that on July 22, 1968, the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK had received a letter from JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, dated July 22, 1968, Tucker, Georgia.

According to informant, this letter from VENABLE informed the membership that DONALD HEATH had been banished from the Invisible Empire for violation of his Klan oath and conduct unbecoming a Klansman.

Informant stated that HEATH is a suspended Chicago, Illinois policeman who was formerly one of the leaders of the NKKKK and was head of all Klan operations in several Midwest states, which included Michigan.

DE T-1 on October 10, 1968, advised that on September 29, 1968, a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, was held at Watkins Coffee Shop.

Informant stated that most of the meeting was a discussion on the necessity of recruiting new members and that this Unit was in dire need of desirable Klansmen.

#### F. Acquisition of Weapons and Firearms

DE T-2 on May 14, 1968, advised that on May 12, 1968, a meeting of the NKKKK was held at Watkins Coffee Shop, which meeting was attended by 10 individuals.

According to informant, one of the members displayed an advertisement for a Spitfire .45 caliber rifle, which will shoot 30 times without reloading and resembles the Thompson sub-machine gun.

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According to informant, this member remarked that he had bought this gun for \$150.00 and that with a little work on the sear pin, it can be made to fire fully automatic.

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DE T-2 advised on May 27, 1968, that on May 18, 1968, BILL HALL, 3404 15th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan, a member of the NKKKK in Michigan, stated he possesses a Spitfire Semi-Automatic Rifle manufactured by the Spitfire Manufacturing Company, Phoenix, Arizona. Informant advised that this is a .45 caliber weapon, bearing Serial Number 3430, and that HALL also possesses two 30 round magazines for this weapons.

DE T-2 further advised that another NKKKK member, Mr. THOMAS A. SUTTON, 1953 Buckingham, Lincoln Park, Michigan, also owns the same type weapon, but has filed the sear down thus converting this weapon to a full automatic. The source advised that these weapons were purchased from TONY (LNU), who has since obtained a Federal Firearms License and probably would not sell any more of these weapons without a purchasing permit.

DE T-2 on July 23, 1968, advised that on July 21, 1968, at a meeting of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, held at 3404 15th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan, BILL HALL displayed a Spitfire Semi-Automatic Rifle, .45 caliber, which he boasted that he had already converted to fully automatic. HILL also displayed an M-1 carbine with 15 round clips of hollow point ammunition.

HALL, at this meeting, stated that he knows a gun dealer in Prestonburg, Kentucky, that has told him, HALL, that he did not care how many Federal laws were passed, he was still going to send guns to whom he pleased.

DE T-2 on September 3, 1968, advised that on September 1, 1968, during the national rally of the NKKKK held at Stone Mountain, Georgia, a discussion was held between various Klan members from the various states

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represented. Informant stated that BILL HALL of the Michigan Realm indicated that he was in possession of "1½ cases of 80 per cent stuff (dynamite), as well as several caps, fuses, two Spitfire rifles, as well as an M-1 .30 caliber carbine, and pistols.

JACK CRITES, Imerpial Klud from Ohio, told the group he wanted Detroit members to come to Akron, Ohio, in the future so he could show them how to handle the stuff and make grenades and how they could set off explosives by radio.

## II. MICHIGAN REALM, NKKKK

### A. Klavern Location

DE T-1 on January 30, 1969, and DE T-2 on January 31, 1969, both advised that the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK, up until recently, met twice a month at the Watkins Coffee Shop, 19100 Joy Road, Detroit, but recently gave this location up and now meets at the homes of various Klan members.

Informants advised that there is only one Unit of the NKKKK in Michigan and this is referred to as Unit #1. Informants further advised that the NKKKK in Michigan has 13 members in good standing and several members who are delinquent in the payment of their dues.

### B. Identity of Officers

DE T-2 on January 31, 1969, advised that the following are officers of the Michigan Realm, NKKKK:

LEROY TUNGATE  
Exalted Cyclops MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

TOM SUTTON  
Klaliff

JAKE CROLEY  
Klokard

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~~BEN COLLINS~~ *Michigan*  
Kludd

JAMES BURWELL  
Kligrapp

~~ROBERT STATES~~  
Kladd

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

~~VESS HILL~~  
Klarogo

~~WILLIAM WYNN~~  
Night Hawk

C. Activities of Klavern

DE T-1 on January 30, 1969, and DE T-2 on January 31, 1969, both advised that the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, primary concern at the present time is with the circulation of Klan literature in an effort to enlarge its membership through the recruiting of qualified members.

Informants state that the leadership of the Michigan Realm has told the membership to avoid any form of violence and the members are told to obey the laws and promote their objectives through peaceful means.

Informants further advised that they know of no illegal acts sponsored by the Klan and know of no incidents of cross burning, or acts of intimidation by members or leaders of the Klan. Informants stated the only illegal act that comes to their attention is the fact that BILL HALL converted a Spitfire rifle, .45 caliber automatic, into a full automatic, which is a violation of the National Firearms Act.

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D. Meetings

DE T-1 and DE T-2 between March 10, 1968, and December 9, 1968, advised that the Michigan Realm of the NKKKK held at least 25 Klan affairs between the dates March 10, 1968, and December 8, 1968.

It is to be noted for the most part the above-mentioned meetings were all closed secret meetings and only Klan members in good standing attended.

E. Public Rallies and Demonstrations

DE T-1 on January 30, 1969, and DE T-2 on January 31, 1969, both advised to date that the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, has held no public rallies or demonstrations.

III. FINANCES

DE T-1 on April 29, 1968, advised that on April 27, 1968, the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, has initiation fees which are \$25.00, \$5.00 for the local, \$5.00 for the state, and \$15.00 to the National organization.

According to informant, the dues are \$50.00 per year, payable quarterly, and identified as follows:

\$20.00 local  
\$10.00 state  
\$20.00 national

DE T-1 on January 30, 1969, advised that at the present time the NKKKK has in its treasury \$97.71 and they owe no other money at this time.

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#### IV. PUBLICATIONS AND PAMPHLETS

DE T-1 on January 30, 1969, and DE T-2 on January 31, 1969, both advised that at the present time the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, does not publish any newspaper or any form of propaganda. According to informants, the Michigan Realm, NKKKK, receives all its literature from the National Headquarters in Tucker, Georgia. The main part of the literature received is "The Imperial Night Hawk", described as the official publication of the NKKKK.

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1. Cincinnati Division - Southern Ohio

A. GENERAL ACTIVITIES, FINANCES, GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The Klan organization which had been operating and still operates on an irregular basis, which formerly met on the farm of PARKIE SCOTT, at Oregonia, Ohio, has transferred their location site to Loveland, Ohio. This group is now known as Klavern #5 and operates under the name of the Loveland Park Association.

All of the previous Klansmen who attended activities under the leadership of SCOTT at Oregonia, continue to attend meetings at the Loveland Park Association. Approximately 8 - 15 individuals usually attend a meeting. WALTER HUFF and PARKIE SCOTT appear to be working together in this latest venture and are probably splitting any financial gains among themselves in connection with Klan activities. It is expected that this group will remain similar to the one which previously met on SCOTT's farm and the only real change is that the location site is different.

(CI T-1, October 12, 1967). MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

~~PARKIE SCOTT~~ and seven Klan associates met on SCOTT's farm at Oregonia, Ohio, about 9:30 PM, April 9, 1968. At approximately 11:30 PM, a small cross was burned on SCOTT's farm property and as far as activities were concerned, the group mainly socialized while drinking and eating. Nothing of real importance took place, except SCOTT continued to discuss his serious financial problems in connection with his recent court action concerning his arrest which took place during December, 1966.

(CI T-1, April 10, 1968)

A current evaluation of the NKKKK in Southern Ohio had indicated there are approximately 12 to 18 hard-core members. The Klan's financial situation is considered to be bleak. Leadership is inadequate; organizational ability and cooperation among members is rated as poor and the Klan's future potential in Southern Ohio is also considered poor.

Recruiting by the United Klans of America (UKA), which is led by ROBERT SHELTON with headquarters at

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is hurting the NKKK's future potential in Ohio and there is no question that he and the members of the NKKK have changed their affiliation to the UKA, Inc.

(CI T-1, November 20, 1968).

Approximately 7 to 10 members of the NKKKK, Inc. attended a meeting January 12, 1969, which was held at the Holiday Inn, I-75 North, Dayton, Ohio, and indicated they desired to change their Klan affiliation from the NKKKK to the UKA, Incorporated. It appears that the UKA is currently the only influential Klan organization operating in Ohio at this time, and if this trend continues, the NKKKK will become a thing of the past.

(CI T-1, January 21, 1969).

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EFFORTS TO REACTIVATE THE NKKKK IN THE AKRON,  
OHIO, AREA

CV T-1 on January 5, 1968, furnished the initial issue of the "Imperial Nighthawk" newspaper published by the NKKKK at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

In an article appearing in the "Imperial Nighthawk" entitled, "Klan News," information was published concerning Klan activities in various states throughout the United States. In this connection, the article in part stated that they were congratulating EVAN LEWIS and JACK CRITES from the Northern Ohio area, as well as other Klansmen from the Southern Ohio area, for their splendid work in rebuilding the State of Ohio this past year.

CV T-2 on January 24, 1968, identified EVAN LEWIS as one of the leaders of the NKKKK movement in the Northern Ohio area when the NKKKK was active.

CV T-2 on September 27, 1967, related that JACK CRITES, former Exalted Cyclops of the UKA, Akron, Ohio, Klavern, on September 24, 1967, advised that he was in the process of organizing a local group of Klansmen to affiliate with the JAMES R. VENABLE Klan organization. He referred to VENABLE's group as the "Invisible Empire," Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, although source believed that this organization is actually the NKKKK, inasmuch as JAMES R. VENABLE is the Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK.

CV T-2 advised that CRITES indicated he had about ten Klansmen from the Akron, Ohio, Klavern of the UKA, who would join him.

CV T-2 on January 24, 1968, recapitulated a summary of information concerning possible activities of the NKKKK in

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the Akron, Ohio, area at the present time, which is set forth as follows:

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"During April; 1967, JACK CRITES, then Exalted Cyclops of the Akron Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), dropped out of the UKA following numerous lengthy disputes with HOWARD C. LEWIS, Organizer of the UKA Akron Klavern.

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"CRITES, by special invitation, held two meetings at his home of Akron Klavern UKA members he felt he could trust, about ten in number. He convinced these members to withdraw from the UKA and join with him in becoming members of the 'reactivated original Klan - to be known as the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.' This group, CRITES told them, would be made up of splinter Klan units from all over the country, and would operate under the national leadership of JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK. At the two April meetings, CRITES informed his Ex-UKA members that he hoped to hold regular meetings, rallies, etc., in the near future.

"By late September, 1967, it was learned from CRITES that he had been unable to schedule any rallies in the area, but that he had visited down South on Klan business and had talked to VENABLE. CRITES indicated he continued to have about ten followers locally, but that nothing was being accomplished. CRITES spoke in a very religious vein and indicated that one of the national leaders of the NKKKK was a Rev. C. LEWIS TOWLER, an ordained minister of St. Petersburg, Florida. CRITES, too, hoped to be ordained a minister.

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"It is believed from CRITES' line of talk that he is becoming so religious he probably will soon lose his Klan followers. They are just not the type individuals to put up with CRITES' religious ranting and raving for very long.

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"From recent contact with CRITES, it appears he has gone over-board on the religious kick. He sits in his home and plays tapes of recorded religious messages, reportedly made by one Rev. SWIFT of California, which are pro-segregation and anti-Semetic in nature. CRITES would like to travel to California to confer with Rev. SWIFT, whose records indicate he is convinced the Klan is the only group that can save the country from ultimate domination by the Communists. CRITES gives no indication there is a Klavern of the NKKKK currently active in the Akron, Ohio, area, although he promises the Klan's influence will be felt in the next presidential election. CRITES talks of plans to hold a gigantic Klan rally, possibly at Soldier's Field in Chicago, Illinois, where 150,000 persons could attend, but he knows of no way to organize such a rally.

"It remains to be seen whether CRITES will be able to retain his following of Ex-UKA members, or whether some, if not all, will drift back to the UKA or out of the Klan altogether."

CV T-3 on January 22, 1968, advised that several meetings of former UKA members have taken place recently in Detroit, Michigan. The purpose of these meetings was to organize a unit of the NKKKK in Detroit, Michigan, because they were dissatisfied with the leadership in the UKA.

Source advised that Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK JAMES R. VENABLE, would fly to Detroit from Georgia on January 27, 1968, with other members of his staff. Reportedly the NKKKK Grand Dragon of Ohio, from Akron, Ohio, would drive to Detroit on the same date. Source advised that the Chicago police officer who recently received publicity as being a Klansman, also was expected to travel to Detroit on January 27, 1968. These visitors will meet with local Detroit individuals for the purpose of organizing a unit of the NKKKK and a women's auxiliary in Detroit.

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CV T-3 on January 29, 1968, advised that numerous individuals arrived in Detroit, Michigan, on January 27, 1968, for a meeting to establish a Detroit unit of the NKKKK. Among those present at the meeting were JAMES VENABLE and TOM O'BRIEN, from the NKKKK National Headquarters in Georgia, DON HEATH from Chicago and EVAN LEWIS and JACK CRITES from Akron, Ohio.

This source advised that VENABLE told the Detroit individuals present that it would cost them \$25 to join the NKKKK and \$50 per year for dues. VENABLE invited all to visit Stone Mountain, Georgia, the next Labor Day and pointed out how important it was for all the white people to arm themselves for the Negro revolution expected in the summer of 1968.

This source related that DON HEATH, reportedly suspended from the Chicago Police Department because of Klan activities, spoke about the Negro revolutionary groups in Chicago. He advised these Negro people are armed with M-1 rifles, pistols, machine guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition. HEATH further advised that there is a Klan unit in the Chicago Police Department and that he, HEATH, can get guns and ammunition in large quantities and that he can supply guns to any Klan unit in the United States of America. HEATH further stated that he is in charge of a seven state area under the NKKKK.

This source further advised that individuals from Michigan met again with these NKKKK officials on January 27 and 28, 1968. Eight Michigan individuals paid \$25 each for initiation fees into the NKKKK and this money was given to VENABLE. Source advised that JACK CRITES, who he stated to be the Grand Dragon of Ohio, was driving a car bearing Ohio license plates 29-1745. Source stated that most of the individuals from Michigan were very displeased over the increase in costs to join the NKKKK. They argued that PARKIE SCOTT, NKKKK leader from Southern Ohio who was also present, had previously stated that it would cost \$15 initiation fee and \$15 dues and it has now been upped to \$25 initiation fee and \$50 dues. Source advised that it was still questionable whether a NKKKK unit would be formed in Michigan.

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On March 25, 1968, JOHN HALASKA, Detective, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department, advised that a Police Department source informed him that DAVID J. HARRIS, 326 West Broadway, Waukesha, Wisconsin, had recently made three trips to Chicago, Illinois, to visit (First Name Unknown) HEATH, former Chicago police officer, who allegedly is the leader of the NKKKK in the mid-West. Detective HALASKA advised that HEATH is identical to DONALD ROBERT HEATH who has publicly claimed that he is the NKKKK Imperial Dragon for the Mid-West area, with headquarters at Chicago. Detective HALASKA further advised that HARRIS has publicly claimed that he is the Grand Dragon, Realm of Wisconsin, NKKKK.

On March 29, 1968, Detective JOHN HALASKA of the Milwaukee Police Department, advised that their informant stated that DAVID HARRIS had stated that DONALD HEATH had indicated that 30 vehicles from the Ohio area and 18 vehicles from the State of Mississippi would meet in Akron, Ohio, on April 14, 1968. These vehicles would then travel to Waukesha County, Wisconsin, to hold a Klan rally at 7:00 PM on April 14, 1968.

On April 5, 1968, CV T-2 and CV T-4 were contacted concerning possible Klan rally to be held on April 14, 1968, at Waukesha County, Wisconsin, and the information about 30 vehicles from the Akron area and 18 vehicles from Mississippi possibly participating in this rally.

Above sources advised that JACK CRITES and EVAN LEWIS, both of Akron, are the only individuals of the Akron area known to have affiliations with the NKKKK. Source advised that neither CRITES or LEWIS have enough followers to fill one vehicle each, especially to travel to Wisconsin on Easter Sunday. Both sources further opined that the Klan would suspend activities temporarily following the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING rather than risk possible attempts of retaliation by Negroes at an open Klan rally.

Major CARROLL CUTRIGHT, Detective Bureau, Akron, Ohio, Police Department, advised on April 14, 1968, he had received no information from Police Department radio cars

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in operation during April 14, 1968, that a caravan of automobiles with Ohio and Mississippi license plates had met in Akron on that date.

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CV T-3 on April 25, 1968, advised that the Exalted Cyclops of unit one of the NKKKK of Michigan visited JACK CRITES at 666 Bridge Road, Akron, Ohio, the Grand Dragon of the NKKKK of Ohio, on April 13, 1968. MICHIGAN

This source advised that the purpose of this visit was to discuss the factional fight between the Grand Dragon and Secretary of the NKKKK in Michigan and the Exalted Cyclops of the Michigan NKKKK.

CRITES advised the Exalted Cyclops of unit one that he should write a letter to TOM O'BRIEN of the NKKKK National Office at Tucker, Georgia, telling him that the Exalted Cyclops and most of the members of unit one were continuing to organize without the elected Grand Dragon and Secretary of the Michigan NKKKK because of their inability to cooperate with the other Klan members.

Mr. EVAN LEWIS, Ohio member of the NKKKK, stated that he was very angry when he learned that the Detroit newspaperman who wrote the five day expose on the Klan in Detroit, Michigan, in 1967, was still alive. EVANS wanted to know if there were any real men in the Klan in Michigan. EVANS stated that he had a hand grenade that he maintained in a keg of nails located in JACK CRITES' garage and that he would furnish it to any Klansman in Michigan who would use it to kill the newspaperman.

CRITES stated that DON HEATH, the Klansman from the Chicago area, was going to Stone Mountain, Georgia, to work at the NKKKK National Headquarters and that the NKKKK Grand Dragon of Wisconsin was also going to Stone Mountain to work.

EVAN LEWIS further advised that all Klansmen should be armed when they attend meetings in a Klavern.

This source also advised on April 25, 1968, that about

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five Klansmen from Michigan intend to drive to Akron, Ohio, and visit JACK CRITES on Saturday, April 27, 1968, to again discuss Klan matters.

On April 29, 1968, CV T-3 advised that on April 27, 1968, six NKKKK members of unit one, Detroit, Michigan, drove by personally owned automobile to Akron, Ohio, to meet with JACK CRITES, NKKKK Grand Dragon of Ohio, and EVAN LEWIS, another NKKKK member from Akron, Ohio. They met at CRITES' residence, 666 Bridge Road, Akron, Ohio, and the factional dispute between the Exalted Cyclops and the Grand Dragon and Secretary of the NKKKK of Michigan was discussed. It was decided that JACK CRITES and LEWIS would personally visit Detroit, Michigan, on April 28, 1968, to settle the dispute. The six NKKKK members of Detroit, Michigan, arrived in Akron, Ohio, at approximately 10:00 AM, April 27, 1968, and left to return to Detroit, Michigan, at approximately 6:00 PM, April 27, 1968.

This source further advised that at 6:00 PM, April 28, 1968, JACK CRITES, EVAN LEWIS, and two other NKKKK members from Ohio, arrived in Detroit, Michigan, via the personally owned Chrysler automobile of JACK CRITES.

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Meetings were held in Room 148 of the Fairlane Motel at Dearborn, Michigan (a suburb of Detroit) between the NKKKK members from Ohio and members from Michigan. DANNY MORRISON, Grand Dragon, and JAKE ~~CRONE~~, Secretary of the NKKKK in Michigan, voluntarily quit the NKKKK. These members were advised to do so by CRITES because he had determined they were American Indians and Indians are not allowed in the Klan. All Klan material in their possession was returned to the NKKKK unit one, Detroit, Michigan. The meetings were over at approximately 11:30 PM, April 28, 1968, and the source feels that the Ohio members then returned to Ohio.

On July 15, 1968, CV T-4 advised he had learned a former Chicago policeman named DONALD HEATH had recently moved to Akron where he will apparently be active in the NKKKK. HEATH is reportedly good friends with EVAN LEWIS and JACK CRITES, both of Akron, who are the only known members of the NKKKK in the area.

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On July 20, 1968, Mrs. ELAINE YORK, Stone Mountain Apartments, Stone Mountain, Georgia, telephonically advised the Atlanta Office of the FBI that DONALD HEATH had indicated that he had been transferred to Ohio in connection with his Klan association. YORK was uncertain of the above information but wished to bring it to the attention of the Atlanta Office of the FBI.

CV T-5 on July 22, 1968, was advised of the above information and he stated he would attempt to determine the validity of the information.

On July 23, 1968, CV T-5 advised that DONALD HEATH had obtained a Hertz U-Drive-It trailer and had left on the evening of July 21, 1968, for Akron, Ohio, in order to meet with NKKKK leader EVAN LEWIS at Akron.

This source stated that JAMES VENABLE became disenchanted with HEATH around the time of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's funeral when HEATH flagrantly wore his Klan robe while at KENNEDY's funeral which was being televised. Source stated that a complete rupture between HEATH and VENABLE was brought about by a telephone call to VENABLE from a member of the NKKKK unit in Detroit, who advised VENABLE that HEATH had extracted \$50 Klan dues from over 300 Klansmen. Source stated that VENABLE confronted HEATH with this information and later banished HEATH from the NKKKK organization and stripped him of his title as the Grand Dragon for the Mid-Western states.

Source said HEATH apparently persuaded DAVID J. HARRIS, a Klan leader from the Milwaukee area, who arrived at Atlanta with HEATH, to leave with him, HEATH, en route to Akron, Ohio. Source said HEATH is married and has three children and his wife is pregnant. HARRIS is also married and has nine children.

This source advised that VENABLE, upon learning of HEATH's attempt to contact EVAN LEWIS, telephonically contacted LEWIS in an effort to apprise LEWIS of HEATH's actions, specifically as to HEATH's attempts to use the Klan as a means of "lining his pockets" and also to advise LEWIS of

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HEATH's violent attitude and propensity for getting into difficulty with law enforcement. According to this source, VENABLE advised LEWIS to run HEATH off when he got to Akron. Source stated VENABLE was also irate when he learned that HEATH had absconded with some furniture VENABLE had given HEATH when HEATH arrived in the Atlanta area. VENABLE initially intended to obtain a warrant for HEATH but later changed his mind and now feels that it is best to have no further association with HEATH in any fashion.

On July 29, 1968, CV T-5 advised that EVAN LEWIS of Akron recently contacted JAMES VENABLE and advised that DONALD HEATH and DAVID HARRIS recently arrived in Akron and were looking for employment. Source again stated that VENABLE has banished both HEATH and HARRIS from the NKKKK.

On July 26, 1968, ROBERT MC CLUSKY, Security Officer, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, advised that DONALD HEATH had applied for a position as a security guard at Goodyear and had informed MC CLUSKY he was temporarily residing at 1038 Fairbanks Place, Akron, Ohio.

On August 5, 1968, Mr. MC CLUSKY stated that DAVID JOHN HARRIS had applied for a position as a security guard at Goodyear and had furnished a temporary address of 74 Wise Street, Akron, Ohio.

MC CLUSKY advised that Goodyear has no intention of hiring either HEATH or HARRIS. He also said that both individuals, on their applications for employment had listed JACK CRITES of Akron as a reference.

On August 6, 1968, CV T-2 advised that both HARRIS and HEATH are in contact with JACK CRITES and with EVAN LEWIS, both NKKKK members in Akron. Source advised that HARRIS and HEATH are apparently assisting CRITES and LEWIS in reactivating NKKKK activities in the Akron area.

On August 23, 1968, Captain JOHN TRAUB, Akron, Ohio, Police Department, advised DONALD ROBERT HEATH and [redacted] had been arrested about 10:30 PM, August 22, 1968, near the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company plant, Akron, Ohio. [redacted]

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[redacted] Akron, was arrested in a 1962 Cadillac, Georgia license plates 2-A-16844, owned by HEATH. The car had in the back seat numerous short lengths of metal pipe with no identifying markings. A search of the vehicle by officers developed a .22 caliber automatic, Echsa LR Model, Serial Number 63540, three boxes of .22 caliber ammunition, two full clips for the automatic, a five gallon can of gasoline, several rags and lengths of twine, plus a plate with "KKK" stamped thereon and fitted on two suction cups.

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HEATH, a former Chicago, Illinois, policeman and Ku Klux Klan official, was seen inside the Goodyear Company fence, but was arrested on the street following the search of the vehicle.

Both individuals were charged with suspicion and on August 23, 1968, posted \$5000 bond cash, with a hearing set for August 26, 1968. Captain TRAUB said the Goodyear Company stated they could not identify the pipe and would not press a theft complaint against HEATH and [redacted].

On August 26, 1968, Captain TRAUB advised that HEATH and [redacted] had been found guilty of the suspicion charge that morning. HEATH was fined \$50 plus costs and a 30 day suspended sentence. [redacted] was fined \$50 plus costs, with \$15 of the fine suspended, plus a 30 day suspended sentence. In addition, the .22 caliber automatic was confiscated by police.

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CV T-3 on September 3, 1968, advised that a national rally of the NKKKK took place on August 31, 1968, at the foot of Stone Mountain, Georgia. The source reported approximately 250 Klansmen in attendance and among those who spoke were Imperial Wizard JAMES VENABLE, EVAN LEWIS from Ohio, and DA. JACK CRITES, the Imperial Kludd from Ohio, who urged Klansmen to use their votes to get crooked politicians out of office and if that did not work, then they should use bullets. TLL

JAMES VENABLE

Michigan

CV T-3 further advised that on September 1, 1968, 45 Klansmen met at the National Klan's Hall at Tucker, Georgia,

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for a breakfast and series of talks by a number of state representatives. VENABLE spoke and made a plea for funds to publish the "Imperial Nighthawk," a Klan periodical.

EVAN LEWIS took the floor and asked Mr. VENABLE for a reaffirmation that the Klan would "stick by the constitution and continue to bar Negroes, Jews and Catholics from the Klan." VENABLE confirmed that the constitution would be upheld.

This same source advised that during the evening of September 1, 1968, there was a small meeting of several members of the NKKKK who had attended this two day rally. During the course of this small meeting, JACK CRITES announced that there had been a shoot-out between some Klansmen and three cars full of Negroes at Berea, Kentucky. EVAN LEWIS talked in favor of getting Klansmen who were still in the area and going to Berea to wipe out all of the Negroes in the town. LEWIS was not taken seriously by those at the meeting and the subject was dropped.

JACK CRITES inquired of the Michigan Klansmen as to how many men they had that they could depend upon to do a job or go out and do some action. EVAN LEWIS asked one of the members of the Michigan unit, "How much stuff do you have?" The member replied he had "one and one half cases of 80 per cent stuff, several caps, a quantity of fuses, several pistols, an M-1 carbine and two Spit Fires."

The source advised that CRITES stated he wanted the Detroit members to come to Akron, Ohio, in the fall so he could show them how to handle the "stuff", make grenades, and set off explosions by radio.

CV T-6 on September 13, 1968, furnished information concerning the National Rally of the NKKKK at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on August 31, 1968 - September 1, 1968. Source advised that a delegation of persons from Ohio was present at the rally, one of whom he believed to be named LOUIS EVANS. Source stated that from conversations he had with the delegation from Ohio, he was under the impression that no large Klan

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group had been organized but that they were interested in any size group that could organize. He said that this delegation brought a large amount of literature with them which they distributed at the rally. Source advised that one of the items of literature sets forth information that appears to compare Masonry and the B'nai B'rith, and states that both organizations are one and the same and operated by the devil.

CV T-7 on September 2, 1968, advised that on September 1, 1968, there was a meeting of several members of the NKKKK at the headquarters of the organization in Tucker, Georgia. Among those present was EVAN LEWIS from Ohio. He mentioned that DON HEATH, the former Chicago policeman, had been released from a criminal charge in Akron, Ohio.

On September 16, 1968, CV T-5 advised that TOM O'BRIEN, Imperial Kligrapp of the NKKKK, recently departed from the Atlanta area where he resided on the property of JAMES VENABLE, and is presently residing in the Akron, Ohio, area. Source was unable to furnish the exact date of O'BRIEN's departure from Atlanta. Source advised that O'BRIEN made several long-distance calls to Akron, Ohio, which he charged to VENABLE's telephone bill.

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JOHN HALASKA, Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised on September 26, 1968, that ~~ROBERT LONG~~ and ~~DAVID JOHN HARRIS~~ had departed Milwaukee to return to Akron, Ohio. WISCONSIN

LONG is an associate of HARRIS and has been involved with HARRIS in Klan activity in the past. LONG was described by Detective HALASKA as a "nut" who would do just about anything HARRIS asked him to do.

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Detective HALASKA said HARRIS allegedly departed Milwaukee on the evening of September 21, 1968, possibly driving his mother's car, date and make unknown. LONG left the following night leaving his wife and children at home, 1629 North Arlington Place, Milwaukee. Detective HALASKA advised that his information indicates LONG intends to get a job in Akron and then to send for his family.

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CV T-8 on October 11, 1968, advised that within the past three months, DONALD HEATH and DAVID HARRIS, SR., of Wisconsin, both moved from Stone Mountain, Georgia, to Akron, Ohio. These two are both reported to be ex-NKKKK officers who were banned from the NKKKK by JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, as trouble-makers.

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This source advised that HEATH is reportedly now working as a used car salesman at Market Motors, West Mogadore, Ohio, which business is owned by EVAN LEWIS. HARRIS, SR., is reportedly working as a truck driver for JACK CRITES in CRITES' sand and gravel business. HEATH and HARRIS apparently came to the Akron area merely because CRITES told them he could find them jobs in Akron. Source advised CRITES apparently attempted to get jobs for HEATH and HARRIS as security guards at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plant, but Goodyear would not hire them.

This source advised that following the severe disturbances at Akron during mid-July, 1968, a group of concerned white citizens formed the Akron Committee for White Rights, which source characterized as a non-violent organization. According to this source, CRITES, LEWIS, HEATH and HARRIS have infiltrated this group, obviously seeing an opportunity to use this group as a base for recruiting new men into the NKKKK, thereby establishing a Klavern, collecting dues from everyone and becoming a "going business."

CV T-8 on November 7, 1968, advised that the Akron Committee for White Rights had refused CRITES, LEWIS, HEATH, and HARRIS, and would have nothing to do with these Klansmen.

CV T-9 on November 12, 1968, advised that some members of the Detroit, Michigan, unit NKKKK traveled to Akron, Ohio, on November 10, 1968, and met with JACK CRITES, EVAN LEWIS, and TOM O'BRIEN. A meeting was held with these individuals in the basement of CRITES' residence and CRITES, LEWIS, and O'BRIEN advised the Klansmen from Detroit to have no further contact with JAMES VENABLE or the National Headquarters of the NKKKK at Stone Mountain, Georgia. They told

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the Detroit Klansmen not to send any additional funds to the National Office and to hold all funds in the local unit.

O'BRIEN remained at the meeting for approximately one half hour, at which time he indicated he was then departing for Atlanta, Georgia, where he expected to remain for about one week. CRITES and LEWIS indicated that in the immediate future, literature would be made available by them to the Detroit NKKKK unit and that the Detroit unit would receive additional instructions in the very near future.

CV T-8 on November 20, 1968, advised that he had determined that TOM O'BRIEN was residing with JACK CRITES at 666 Bridge Road, Akron, and was reportedly working for an insurance company in Akron. Source said that ROBERT LONG, DAVID HARRIS, SR., [REDACTED], and DONALD HEATH had all moved from the Akron area and reportedly residing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Source said HEATH and HARRIS were unable to obtain permanent employment in Akron principally due to their publicly known Klan membership.

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On January 4, 1969, DL T-1 advised that an organization known as the Consecrated Christian Conservative Club held a meeting at the Sun Valley Motel, Route 77, South, Dallas County, Texas, adjacent to De Soto, Texas, on January 4, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. DL T-1 advised that this meeting was in effect a meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan which has its national headquarters at Tucker, Georgia.

DL T-1 stated that this meeting was held as scheduled, attended by sixteen persons, four women and twelve men. The meeting was opened by Charles W. Neville who introduced himself as the Grand Dragon of the NKKKK in Texas. Neville in turn introduced James R. Venable as the Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK from Atlanta, Georgia.

James R. Venable spoke until approximately 9:15 p.m., during which time he proclaimed that the NKKKK would obey all laws and would not tolerate violence among its members. Venable stated that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was against race mixing and the black mongrel race, however, they would act to clean up the mess in Washington, D.C. by the ballot.

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DL T-1 said that Charles Neville said the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would be active in Texas to clean up the mess in Washington, D.C. but would do so through Democratic processes.

DL T-1 advised that Charles Waylon Neville was until recently a Kligrapp in the United Klans of America unit at Mesquite, Texas, when he was asked to resign because of his militant policies.

CHARLES WAYLON NEVILLE

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**ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS  
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ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS  
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A characterization of the Association of Georgia Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (AGK), is attached hereto in the appendix of this report.

I.

Organizational Structure MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The AGK was founded by CHARLES HOMER MADDOX, Bloomingdale, Georgia, and his mailing address was Box 41, Bloomingdale, Georgia. He was the Grand Dragon as well as the Exalted Cyclops of the only klavern which met in Savannah, Georgia and held its last meeting in April, 1965. MADDOX has since attended meetings of other organizations affiliated with the NKKKK as the "Grand Dragon of Georgia."

SV T-4 contacted on September 4, 1968, and SV T-5, contacted on September 13, 1968, advised that CHARLES HOMER MADDOX was in attendance at the National Rally of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on August 31, 1968. CHARLES MADDOX was not one of the speakers at this rally.

II.

Klaverns

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The only klavern this group was ever known to have was Klavern #2A which met at Savannah, Georgia. The last meeting this klavern was known to have was in April 1965.

On February 17, 1967, JAMES W. KICKLIGHTER, JR., organized a group of men under the name of Association of Georgia Klans, specifically stating they were not affiliated with CHARLES HOMER MADDOX. He made no mention that his group was affiliated in any way with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, but claimed his group was headed by an Imperial Emperor located in Atlanta, Georgia, and that only state officers would get to know the identity of the Imperial Emperor.

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SV T-3 advised on March 10, 1968, that during a conversation on March 9, 1968, J. W. KICKLIGHTER was overheard to claim to have 63 members in his organization known as the AGK. He said they have held meetings to date in various homes, but they were looking for a hall where they could have a meeting without being too obvious. This informant advised on December 28, 1968, that there were never more than seven members at any meeting of this organization during 1968.

At a meeting on October 2, 1968, J. W. KICKLIGHTER made a statement that CHARLES H. MADDOX was having meetings at his home in Bloomingdale. He claimed that if he could get more members than MADDOX, then MADDOX would have to work for him; however, if MADDOX got more members than KICKLIGHTER, then KICKLIGHTER would have to take orders from MADDOX.

On December 5, 1968, JAMES W. KICKLIGHTER was interviewed at which time he claimed the unit he is a part of is not known as AGK. He said as far as he knows, CHARLES H. MADDOX is still head of AGK and he has no knowledge as to whether this organization is still active. He claims he refers to the unit he is now in as Caucasian Knights of America and that it is the security unit of the American Independent Party, the party of GEORGE C. WALLACE. He said the local head of this party is J. WALTER COWART, Attorney, and former head of the White Citizens Council.

On December 19, 1968, CHARLES HOMER MADDOX was interviewed at his home at which time he declined to comment on his klan activities. He declined to state whether or not the AGK was holding any meetings, but stated later that if there was a klan meeting anywhere, he wanted to attend, he would attend. He intimated the organization was still his and the only recent contact he had had with JAMES W. KICKLIGHTER was during the course of the campaign of GEORGE C. WALLACE for President of the United States.

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SV T-3 advised on December 28, 1968, that this group met on December 17, 1968, at which time KICKLIGHTER was accused of telling too many different stories and BILLY PERKINS, a member, made himself Exalted Cyclops in KICKLIGHTER's place. Ja.

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KICKLIGHTER agreed to the change and said that he would do whatever they wanted to do, but he is still the dominant personality at their meetings.

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**KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN**

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A characterization of the Association of the South Carolina Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (ASCK), is attached as an appendix to this report.

A public rally and cross burning sponsored by the ASCK on June 23, 1968, near the Skyline Club, West Columbia, South Carolina, was attended by approximately 150 persons. JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, was principal speaker, and TOM O'BRIEN, editor of the "Imperial Nighthawk", was another of the speakers.

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At a State meeting of the ASCK held at the Skyline Club in West Columbia, South Carolina, on August 4, 1968, ROBERT E. HODGES, ASCK, State Grand Secretary - Treasurer, announced that three individuals from the Grand Council would represent the ASCK as delegates to the NKKKK meeting at Stone Mountain, Georgia, during the Labor Day weekend, of 1968.

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**CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN**

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ACTIVITIES OF THE CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (CKKKK)

LA T-1 (3/27/68)  
LA T-2 (4/3/68)

The California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (CKKKK), an affiliate of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) (See Appendix) has had membership problems since the departure of WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, former Grand Dragon, CKKKK, from the Los Angeles, California area to Stone Mountain, Georgia. With the departure of FOWLER, ~~DON BENNY~~ *ANDERSON* <sup>CALIF</sup> was given the position by FOWLER. However, it was decided by NKKKK Imperial Wizard, JAMES R. VENABLE that DON BERNARD O'HIGGINS should hold this position. In December, 1967, ~~O'HIGGINS~~ was given the position of Grand Dragon, CKKKK, and ANDERSON was appointed King Kleagle. Sources advised that now there were about five active members and the organization was suffering from a conflict in leadership.

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LA T-3 (3/18/68) MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

In February, 1968, a klavern of the CKKKK (See Appendix) was reportedly operating in the Compton, California area with Reverend DON BERNARD O'HIGGINS being the Grand Dragon.

LA T-1 (3/27/68)

On March 15, 1968, a CKKKK meeting took place at DON O'HIGGINS' home, 8157 Alhambra Avenue, Paramount, California.

LA T-2 (4/2/68)

A CKKKK meeting was held on March 28, 1968, at 14307 Denver Avenue, Gardena, California. Among those present was DON BERNARD O'HIGGINS.

LA T-1 (4/9/68)

On March 31, 1968, a CKKKK meeting was held at 14307 Denver Avenue, Gardena, California.

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LA T-2 (4/22/68)

On April 21, 1968, a CKKKK meeting was held at 14307 Denver Avenue, Gardena. At this meeting it was stated that DON ANDERSON was protesting his dismissal from the CKKKK.

LA T-1 (5/22/68)  
LA T-2 (5/22/68)

Sources advised that the CKKKK was then inactive due to personality clashes among the membership and the lack of leadership by DON BERNARD O'HIGGINS, Grand Dragon, CKKKK.

LA T-1 (8/23/68)

The CKKKK is no longer active in the Los Angeles area.

LA T-2 (8/22/68)

Source advised that DON BERNARD O'HIGGINS, Grand Dragon, CKKKK, indicated that the CKKKK was then inactive due to the lack of interest by former members and the fact that WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, former Grand Dragon, CKKKK, had left the CKKKK in a bad condition financially and had caused friction among the members.

LA T-2 (8/16/68)

DON BERNARD O'HIGGINS, Grand Dragon, CKKKK, recently stated that the CKKKK is no longer active in the Los Angeles, California area. One member of the CKKKK had advised against giving any money to O'HIGGINS as the latter would only pocket the money.

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THE UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN

A characterization of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. HEADQUARTERS

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

JK T 1 and JK T 2 have advised that the State Headquarters for the UFKKK continues to be located at Samsula, Florida, where the Imperial Wizard, JASON E. KERSEY resides, and where the monthly State meetings are held.

JASON E. KERSEY

B. CHARTER INFORMATION

Sources have not reported the UFKKK has actually obtained a State charter.

C. OBJECTIVES

JK T 1 and JKT 2 have advised that the recent objective of the UFKKK was to get GEORGE WALLACE elected as President of the United States. They advised the UFKKK fought all gun control legislation and sent out thousands of postcards to persons to voice their objections. Also, thousands of postcards were sent to Federally-elected officials, objecting to gun legislation. The UFKKK continues to fight integration legally and promote white supremacy.

D. STATE OFFICERS (Elected June 16, 1968)

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Imperial Wizard  
Grand Dragon  
Grand Klaliff

JASON E. KERSEY  
ROBERT CRAIG  
J. G. HAWKINS (resigned)  
ED PARKER (elected  
September 15, 1968)  
FRANK D. WORKMAN  
R. T. NORTON

Grand Klokard  
Grand Kludd

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Grand Kligrapp  
Grand Klabee  
Grand Kladd  
Grand Klexter  
Grand Klokard  
Grand Night Hawk  
Grand Klokann

~~WAYNE HICKEY~~  
~~JOHN SToudenMIRE~~  
~~O. V. BOATWRIGHT~~  
~~BILL JOYCE~~  
~~J. D. WOOD~~  
~~HUEY LUMLEY~~  
~~CHARLIE WILSON~~

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II. KLAVERNS, ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

A. Deland Klavern (8-1 Sportsman's Club, Samsula, Florida)

This has been reported no more than a social club at present and they have only an approximate membership of 20.

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B. Jacksonville Klavern Number 502 (Paul Revere Historical Society)  
(Duval Fellowship Club)  
Jacksonville, Florida

This Club was active in working for election of GEORGE S. WALLACE for President, but nothing else was reported as to any particular activity. They do not have over 20 present members.

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C. Robert E. Lee Klavern Number 508,  
Jacksonville, Florida

This Klavern has not over 15 active members, and the only interest was to elect WALLACE President.

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TAMPA DIVISION

A. Apopka, Florida Boating Club

This Club has mostly been inactive with about 10 to, at most, 14 active members. Recruiting is done on a person-to-person basis.

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B. Auburndale, Florida Fisherman's Club

This Club has been meeting weekly, but there are only four to five attending and they have done little recruiting.

(JK T 8)

C. Dade City, Florida Klavern (Confederate Club  
Number 28)

This Klavern has only had four to five members in attendance unless visitors appear, and they have been mostly inactive.

(JK T 9)

D. Plant City Klavern (East Hillsborough Sportsman's  
Club, Dover, Florida)

This is the most active Klavern in the UFKKK.

At regular weekly meetings of this Klavern, held on August 24 and August 29, 1968, meetings concerned, largely, plans of the Klansmen to be present at Stone Mountain, Georgia, for the Klonvocation of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, August 30-31, 1968. About 16 of approximately 20 members in attendance gave indication that they would attend the Stone Mountain rally.

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At regular meetings of the Apopka Boating Club, Apopka, Florida Klavern, held on August 20 and 27, 1968, members discussed the Stone Mountain, Georgia Klonvocation of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK), and some members indicated that they would attend.

(JK T 11 and JK T 12)

Some Central Florida area Klansmen made a trip to Stone Mountain, Georgia to attend the Klonvocation and those recognized there were:

Mr. and Mrs. JASON KERSEY  
FRANK D. WORKMAN  
ROBERT CRAIG  
LOUIS HODGES  
LEWIS GRIMES  
GARY HOGUE  
FRANK LANE  
KENNETH GODWIN  
TOMMY FARR  
DOUG MAULDIN  
ALVIN YARBROUGH  
ALTON PULLIAM  
HENRY STEWART  
J. G. HAWKINS  
LARRY JOHNSON  
J. D. WOOD  
TROY GOULD

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

None of the UFKKK members from the Jacksonville area were observed at the Klonvocation, but the above persons were principally from Plant City-Dade City, Florida area, with the exception of the KERSEYS (Samsula); WORKMANS (Scottsmeer); and CRAIG from Orlando, Florida.

WAYNE HICKEY, of the Plant City Klavern is the only one of the group from this area who gave a short talk at the rally. It was estimated that there were approximately 180 Klansmen in attendance, about 75 of whom were robed, and no more than 150 spectators present.

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#### E. Tampa Klavern

In September 1967, the Tampa Klavern of the UFKKK folded and at the end of May 1968, this Klavern joined into the newly formed organization at Wildwood, Florida, known as the Knights of the Invisible Empire (KOIE). By October 1968, the Tampa Klavern was again organized and joined into the UFKKK. Since the latter date, approximately 8 to 12 members of the Tampa Klavern have been meeting on a weekly basis, but there has not been much recruiting and many from the Tampa Klavern and the Plant City Klavern joined together on the meetings.

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### III. PUBLICITY AND PROPAGANDA

Sources reported that no particular pertinent activity has taken place concerning the UFKKK in that they have had no specific rallies and the organization no longer has any publication.

### IV. FINANCES

The UFKKK has been reported to have approximately \$1,000.00 in their treasury, which money is personally maintained by Mr. JOHN SToudenMIRE, of Jacksonville, Florida, and the group has been reported as being afraid to place their monies in any bank.

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**APPENDIX**

**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKKK)**

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of the Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyklos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2 - 5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their names be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 - 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its progress which indicated the organization to be anti-negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A fourth source advised in July, 1968, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard.

APPENDIX

UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN (UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source, are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, a third source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune," Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

A fourth source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fifth source advised on February 17, 1958, that FKKK is operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

The sixth source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On August 3, 1964, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth above.

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank-and-file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

Issue No. 88, dated April, 1967, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 6263, Savannah, Georgia 31405.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that Edward R. Fields, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of "The Thunderbolt," is the individual who actually controls the NSRP.

Issue No. 100, dated April, 1968, of "The Thunderbolt," reflects Dr. Edward R. Fields to be National Director of the NSRP as well as Editor of "The Thunderbolt."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**  
**KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, STATE OF GEORGIA**

A source advised on May 16, 1962, that the State of Georgia organization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans) is called the Realm of Georgia. The Realm of Georgia has headquarters at 772 Pearce Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

The first source and a second source advised in August, 1964, that the Realm of Georgia is subordinate to the National Headquarters of United Klans in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and received its instructions and guidance from the National Headquarters, which is headed by Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton.

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MICHIGAN REALM, NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

On January 22, 1968, a source advised that the Michigan Realm, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was formed and commenced activity in Michigan during 1968. On May 17, 1968, this source advised that the Michigan Realm has no headquarters, but meets bi-monthly at Watkins Coffee Shop, 19100 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan, and utilizes Post Office Box 5387, Dearborn, Michigan, 48128, as a mailing address.

Source states DANIEL MORRISON, Grand Dragon for the Michigan Realm, was recently expelled and at the present time, no one has been elected or designated as Grand Dragon for Michigan.

Source advised on May 17, 1968, the Michigan Realm, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is subordinate to and receives its instructions and guidance from the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tucker, Georgia, which is headed by Imperial Wizard JAMES VENABLE.

APPENDIXASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (AGK)

A source advised on January 11, 1961, that the Association of Georgia Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (AGK), was organized by CHARLES HOMER MADDOX in the Spring of 1960, with mailing address of Post Office Box 41, Bloomingdale, Georgia. This source stated that AGK is a new organization and is not affiliated in any way with the old Association of Georgia Klans which is defunct. It is patterned after the U. S. Klans, has the same general ritual, and has the same titles for its Klavern officers. Most officers and members are former members of the U. S. Klans. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to fight integration and Communism by peaceful means, and it is opposed to any type of violence. This source said AGK is affiliated with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

This same source advised on June 27, 1967, that this Klan group has held no meetings since April, 1965, but continues to send representatives to meetings of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, with which it is affiliated.

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A second source advised on September 2, 1950, that ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK), and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

A third source said on September 16, 1962, that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard" from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

A fourth source advised on July 26, 1967, that the ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIXCALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (CKKKK)

Source one advised that in late August, 1966, large amounts of literature were dispensed in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles, advertising the "Ideals of the Ku Klux Klan, a California Committee", and containing Post Office Box 312, La Crescenta, California, and the name of Reverend WILLIAM V. FOWLER, State Chairman of the CKKKK. Also distributed was an announcement that a rally of the CKKKK and a "gigantic cross burning" would be held on September 17, 1966, at Saugus, California.

A second source advised that the CKKKK has attempted to hold two rallies, one on September 17, 1966, at Saugus, California, the other in an open field at San Bernardino, California, on November 19, 1966. The first rally attracted approximately 200 persons, half of this number being members of the news media. This rally came to an abrupt halt as the road into the rally was closed in the interest of public safety. The second rally, which attracted about 70 persons, never got started as FOWLER was arrested for holding a meeting without a permit.

A third and fourth source advised that on February 19, 1967, a meeting of the CKKKK was held at Los Angeles, California, at which time several persons were initiated into the CKKKK. These sources advised that this klan group was told by FOWLER that the CKKKK was affiliated with Georgia's National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard. The CKKKK is not incorporated in the State of California.

These sources advised that the CKKKK promotes white supremacy, calling America a "white man's country", the segregation of the races, and is anti-Jewish.

The day-to-day operations of the CKKKK are handled by WILLIAM V. FOWLER, self-appointed State Chairman, Honorary State Cyclops, CKKKK, from his residence at 3430 Mayfield Avenue, La Crescenta, California.

APPENDIX



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America**

Character **RM - KLAN**

Reference **Atlanta report of SA [redacted]  
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

1. **CG T-3, CG T-4, and CG T-6 were all contacted an insufficient number of times to establish reliability.**

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